



Umatilla County NHMP Update Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday January 26, 2021 from 1-2:30 pm

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Meeting Notes

Prepared by Tricia Sears on 1/27/21

I. Welcome & Introductions & Sign-In (10 min) Tom Roberts, Bob Waldher, Megan Green, Tierney Cimmiyotti, and Tricia Sears

Tricia admitted and welcomed folks as they joined the meeting. Bob did an introduction to the NHMP Steering Committee to get us rolling before turning it over to Tierney for the roll call of attendance. Attendance for this meeting is listed at the end of this document. Tricia noted a complication with screen sharing so folks will need to refer to the meeting materials (emailed 1/19/21) they printed.

II. Draft Umatilla County NHMP (15 min)

Tricia et al

- Timelines and process of review and submittal to OEM and FEMA
- Risk Assessment, Hazards Annexes, Community Profile
- Updated Critical Facilities List (Critical/ Essential Facilities, Critical Infrastructure, and Vulnerable Population Centers List 1-19-21) is part of the Risk Assessment
- Mitigation Strategy (includes mitigation actions, see below)
- Maps https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CusYEXm_oTAXy5v2ZL9IVZtAOK092B5q?usp=sharing
- Photos <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eldxCh1pj08-FZzCb8Dd-FSyIGDtnf05?usp=sharing>

Tricia and Bob described the NHMP contents and the timeline for the review process of the NHMP. Due to screen share limitations, Tricia was not able to show the Table of Contents of the NHMP.

Tricia, Bob, and Megan will meet on 2/2/21 to discuss the draft NHMP, and within a few days of that Tricia will send the NHMP Steering Committee the draft *2021 Umatilla County NHMP* for review. It will be a partial draft. While the NHMP is being reviewed by the NHMP Steering Committee, Tricia and Bob will continue to write the rest of the NHMP. Currently Bob and Megan are writing the Community Profile; Tricia is writing the rest of the NHMP.

Megan has made approximately 30 maps for the NHMP; you can access them via the link included above.

Please send photos of natural hazards. You can place them on the google drive at the link included above or you can mail them to Tricia. It is important to include the location of the photo, the date of the photo, and the source of the photo. Tricia will include photos in the NHMP.

Once the draft NHMP is fully written and review comments are integrated, Tricia will submit the NHMP to the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for review. We are aiming to submit the NHMP to OEM by the first week in March. OEM typically takes 4-5 weeks to review the NHMP and provide comments. Once OEM is good with the draft NHMP, they send it to FEMA for review. FEMA must review the NHMP within 45 days. Of note, it is possible that OEM will be so busy that they will forward the NHMP to FEMA without reviewing it themselves. Both OEM and FEMA are keenly aware of the timeline that Umatilla County et al have for getting this NHMP updated and approved by FEMA.

Tricia described that after FEMA reviews it and agrees it meets the requirements, they issue an Approved Pending Adoption (APA) letter. At that point, each of the planholders (these are the participating jurisdictions that have signed IGAs with DLCD related to the NHMP) will need to have their authoritative body approve the NHMP. So Umatilla County, the twelve incorporated cities, and the four special districts will need to have their authoritative body approve the NHMP with a resolution. The resolutions will be provided to FEMA. Once FEMA has the resolutions, FEMA will issue the final approval letter. The final approval letter will list all the planholders and the valid, approved timeframe of the NHMP (five years). Once the FEMA letter is received, Tricia will make a final PDF of the NHMP that includes resolutions and approval letters, then she will send that to the NHMP Steering Committee.

Tricia will send examples of approval resolutions (for NHMP approval by your local jurisdiction) to those that request it.

Tricia noted that the Critical/ Essential Facilities, Critical Infrastructure, and Vulnerable Population Centers List is a very important part of the Risk Assessment. She reminded folks to send their information to her by 1/29/21 or 2/1/21 at the latest. The majority of the remaining missing information relates to jurisdictions identifying the natural hazards that impact their critical facilities. Please review the list and make sure your jurisdiction has filled in all the necessary information. Tricia stated that the following jurisdictions have gaps in their information: Hermiston, Helix, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Stanfield, and Weston.

Mitigation actions continue to be a work in progress and we will spend a good portion of our meeting time today on those.

III. Mitigation Actions (60 min)

Tricia et al

- Review *2014 Umatilla County NHMP* mitigation actions, identify status, determine if those actions need to be retained as is, retained and modified, or deleted, also add new mitigation actions (Mitigation Actions Status Review)
- Definitions of Mitigation Actions Timelines (on back of agenda)

We picked up where we left the conversation at the 12/15/20 meeting. Tricia asked folks to turn to page 14 to start with the severe summer storms mitigation actions. We discussed the status of mitigation actions for severe summer storms, severe winter storms, earthquakes, landslides/debris flows, and drought. We created modified some of the existing actions that we chose to retain. We created new mitigation actions for those natural hazards and for the newly identified (added during this NHMP update) natural hazard of air quality.

The air quality discussion involved some brainstorming. Bob and Vincent noted that there is an air quality committee and Greg Lacquement sits on it. Vincent texted him and after the meeting finished, Tricia emailed him with questions about the air quality committee.

We also had lively conversation about severe summer storms, severe winter storms, earthquakes, landslides/debris flows, and drought. With severe winter storms we talked about snow removal capacity for each of the jurisdictions present. Tricia will note this information in the NHMP. Darrin mentioned a number of concerns about vulnerable populations and severe winter storms. Tricia noted that these concerns are applicable to all the hazards and Darrin concurred. Tom suggested that perhaps a special task force could be created to discuss the concerns and work to integrate those concerns in all aspects of hazards work. George and Vincent stated that the Pendleton Airport is identified as a staging area for volcano and earthquake responses. Volcano could be impactful primarily because of the ash, it was noted. There was a lot more discussion and it will be captured in the mitigation actions and the NHMP text.

Tricia and Bob asked the NHMP Steering Committee if we could, in the NHMP, consolidate the severe summer storms and severe winter storms into one chapter. The group said yes.

Tricia described that ultimately, she will create two tables from this one Mitigation Actions Status Review table. One table will be a status of the *2014 Umatilla County NHMP* mitigation actions and one table will be the mitigation actions that we carry forward for the *2021 Umatilla County NHMP*.

Caryn Appler from Oregon Energy Trust joined us for the first time today; she will be part of the NHMP Steering Committee. She is the Eastern Oregon Outreach Manager. She described her and her organization's interest in participating in the NHMP update. We will provide Caryn with some time for more detailed information sharing at the February 23rd NHMP Steering Committee meeting. Caryn mentioned FEMA's grant called Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) as a source of potential funding for projects. Tricia noted that BRIC is a new program, replacing the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program. PDM funds, Tricia stated, were the source of funding for much of DLCD's work with communities to update NHMPs. Now DLCD is looking at more use of FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding. A HMGP grant is funding the Umatilla County NHMP update. Tricia noted that the *2021 Umatilla County NHMP* will contain a chapter on funding sources.

IV. Next Steps (5 min)

Tricia

- Next Meeting is February 23, 2021
- Meeting notes and follow up

Tricia will email the NHMP Steering Committee with the updated NHMP Steering Committee Roster, the updated Mitigation Actions Status Review (based on today's discussion), the updated Critical/ Essential Facilities, Critical Infrastructure, and Vulnerable Population Centers List, and the meeting notes. Tricia will also send examples of approval resolutions (for NHMP approval by your local jurisdiction) to those who request it.

Please remember to send your cost share documentation to Tricia. ☺

At the February 23 meeting we will discuss the draft NHMP and we will have a conversation with Caryn Appler and Jeni Hall from Oregon Energy Trust. We also will go over any and all information related to the NHMP in preparation for submittal of the NHMP for review by OEM and FEMA. The February 23 meeting is the last scheduled NHMP Steering Committee meeting.

Materials

From Umatilla County: Copies of 2014 NHMP

From DLCD: Meeting Agenda; NHMP Steering Committee Roster 1-13-21; Critical/ Essential Facilities, Critical Infrastructure, and Vulnerable Population Centers List 1-19-21; Draft NHMP; NHMP Maps; Mitigation Actions Status Review 12-16-20

Umatilla County NHMP, May 2014

The *2014 Umatilla County NHMP* has the mission and goals in Chapter 1.

Existing Mission: *To prevent loss and protect life, property, and the environment from the risk of natural hazards through coordination and cooperation amount public and private partners.*

New Mission Agreed by Consensus of the NHMP Steering Committee on 12/15/20:

To prevent loss and protect life, property, and the environment from-natural hazards through coordination and cooperation among public and private partners. To mitigate the impacts of natural hazards and to increase the resilience of our community in our efforts to protect life, property, and the environment.

The plan goals describe the overall direction that the participating jurisdiction’s agencies, organizations, and citizens can take toward mitigating risk from natural hazards.

Goal #1: *Protect life and property.*

Goal #2: *Public outreach.*

Goal #3: *Planned prevention.*

Goal #4: *Agency/citizen coordination.*

Goal #5: *Natural resource protection.*

Goal #6: *Emergency service planning.*

Mitigation Actions and Timeline

The 2014 Umatilla County NHMP has mitigation actions in Chapter 2. Mitigation actions include both short and long-term activities. Each action item includes an estimate of the timeline for implementation and indicates a capacity to achieve the mitigation action.

Short-term action items (ST) are activities that may be implemented with existing resources and authorities in one to two years.

Long-term action items (LT) may require new or additional resources and/or authorities, and may take from one to five years to implement.

Ongoing action items are activities that are currently being performed and will continue into the foreseeable future.

January 26, 2021		Roll call attendance taken by Tierney Cimmiyotti on 1/26/21.	
NAME	ORGANIZATION	ATTENDANCE	
PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM			
Tom Roberts	County Emergency Management	Y	
Bob Waldher	County Planning Department	Y	
Megan Green	County Planning Department	Y	
Tierney Cimmiyotti	County Planning Department	Y	
Tricia Sears	Oregon DLCD	Y	
Marian Lahav	Oregon DLCD	N	

CITY REPRESENTATIVES		
George Cress	Pendleton	Y
Shane Garner	Milton-Freewater	Y
Clinton Spencer	Hermiston	Y
Michelle Fox	Athena	Y
Duane Thul	Weston	N
Donna Neumann	Ukiah	N
David Slaght	Echo	Y
Benjamin Burgener	Stanfield	N
Brandon Seitz	Umatilla	N
Jacob Foutz	Umatilla	Y
Darla Huxel	Umatilla	N
Keith Kennedy	Umatilla	N
Graham Alderson	Adams	N
Carrie Bennett	Helix	N
Josh Smith	Helix	N
Kim Herron	Helix	N
Teri Bacus	Pilot Rock	Y
SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES		
Teresa Kilmer	Walla Walla River Irrigation District	N
Brad Humbert	M-F Water Control District	N
Ray Kopacz	Stanfield Irrigation District	N
Kyle Waggoner	UCSWCD - Soil & Water Conservation District	Y
Annette Kirkpatrick	Hermiston Irrigation District	Y
Scott Stanton	Umatilla County Fire District #1	Y
Dave Baty	East Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District	N
Rachelle Lasater	East Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District	N
EXTERNAL PARTICIPANTS, TECHNICAL OR LEGAL ADVISORS		
Marcus Austin	National Weather Service - Pendleton	N
Vincent Papol	NWS - Pendleton - Local Emergency Planning Committee	Y
Greg Lacquement	City of Pendleton - Local Emergency Planning Committee	N
Bob Patterson	City of Pendleton - Strategic Planning Committee	N
Brett Thomas	USDA- Umatilla National Forest - Fire	N
Matt Hoehna	Oregon Department of Forestry - Fire	Y

Darrin Umbarger	Clearview Disability Resource Center	Y
Patty Perry	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Y
Rob Burnside	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Y
Dan Dorran	Umatilla County Board of Commissioners	Y
Troy Baker	Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council	N
Jim Gonzalez	US Army Corps of Engineers - Portland District	N
Linda Campbell	US Army Corps of Engineers - Walla Walla District	N
Michelle Frost	US Army Corps of Engineers - Walla Walla District	N
Rob Herres	US Army Corps of Engineers - Walla Walla District	Y
Susan Christensen	Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation	N
Bree Cubrilovic	Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation	Y
Terry Rowan	Umatilla County Sheriff's Office	N
Jim Littlefield	Umatilla County Sheriff's Office	N
LG Bullock	Umatilla County Public Works	N
Amie Bashant	Oregon Office of Emergency Management	N
Anne Debbaut	Oregon DLCD	N
Meghan Dalton	Oregon Climate Change Research Institute	N
Caryn Appler	Energy Trust of Oregon	Y