



# Umatilla County NHMP Update Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday November 17, 2020 from 1-2:30 pm

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## Meeting Notes

Prepared by Tricia Sears 11/19/20

### **I. Welcome & Introductions & Sign-In (10 min) Tom Roberts, Bob Waldher, Megan Green, Tierney Cimmeyotti, 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.

### **II. NHMP Update (10 min)**

Tricia et al

- **Updated roster (Umatilla County NHMP Steering Committee Roster 11-3-20)**
- **Updated Critical Facilities List (Critical/ Essential Facilities, Critical Infrastructure, and Vulnerable Population Centers List)**
- **Cost share and outreach activities e.g. websites, flyer distribution**
- **Other?**

Tricia reminded folks that the Zoom link for the meeting is always in the electronic calendar invitation that she sounds out and it is also in the agenda.

Tricia noted that in the meeting materials she sent on 11/10/20 for today's meeting, she included an updated NHMP Steering Committee roster dated 11/3/20 and an updated Critical/ Essential Facilities, Critical Infrastructure, and Vulnerable Population Centers List which is dated 11/10/20. Tricia said she would send an updated Critical Facilities List with the meeting notes, and we would continue the iterative work of updating it with each jurisdiction's information.

Tricia asked folks if they have questions about cost share, and for them to share with the group about outreach activities they have done. Please keep sending your cost share forms to Tricia! Michelle Fox stated that the City of Athena has posted the NHMP flyer on their website. Graham Alderson asked if this was for activities that have been done since the October meeting. Yes.

Tricia and Bob reminded folks that we would like each jurisdiction to have something about the NHMP on their website, and that Tricia would take screen shots of the posted information. This is part of the outreach we must do to demonstrate to OEM and FEMA that jurisdictions are participating and that each

jurisdiction is doing outreach to their community. Bob stated he would send suggested language about the NHMP to the NHMP Steering Committee for them to post online.

Tricia stated that she would like to have photos of hazard areas, assets, and other important things from each jurisdiction. She would also like to have success stories. Photos and success stories will be included in the NHMP. These are useful to have in the NHMP for many reasons. Please send these items to Tricia. She will continue to ask for them as we move through this NHMP update process.

Megan provided an update on the maps she has been making for the NHMP. She stated she has 25 maps! We will distribute some or all of the maps that have been drafted, in advance of the 12/15/20 NHMP Steering Committee meeting. We will review and discuss them at the 12/15/20 meeting.

### III. Mission and Goals (15 min)

Tricia, Bob, Tom

- **Mission and the six goals from 2014 Umatilla County NHMP (on back of agenda)**
- **Retain as is or modify them?**

Tricia described that each time the NHMP is updated we review the existing mission and goals to see if they should be retained as is, retained and revised, or deleted. Bob noted that Umatilla County is working on their strategic plan and is using the SMART approach. The SMART approach is an acronym that you can use to guide your goal setting.

To make sure your goals are clear and reachable, each one should be:

- **Specific** (simple, sensible, significant).
- **Measurable** (meaningful, motivating).
- **Achievable** (agreed, attainable).
- **Relevant** (reasonable, realistic and resourced, results-based).
- **Time bound** (time-based, time limited, time/cost limited, timely, time-sensitive).

Bob and Tricia suggested we think about and discuss this today, and return to the discussion again at the 12/15/20 NHMP Steering Committee meeting.

**Mission:** *To prevent loss and protect life, property, and the environment from the risk of natural hazards through coordination and cooperation among public and private partners. **To improve and increase mitigation and resilience throughout Umatilla County.***

*To prevent loss and protect life, property, and the environment from the risk of natural hazards through coordination and cooperation among public and private partners. **To strive for mitigation and resilience in our efforts to protect our assets, including the public's needs following a disaster.***

*To prevent loss and protect life, property, and the environment from ~~the risk of~~ 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.***

Mitigation: the action of reducing the severity, seriousness, or painfulness of something.

Resilience: the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.

**Yellow highlight** indicates proposed new language to add to the mission. These proposed changes will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Goals:** No changes were proposed for the six existing NHMP goals during this meeting. The goals are listed below the agenda. We will discuss the goals again at the 12/15/20 NHMP Steering Committee meeting.

#### **IV. Mitigation Actions (50 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)**

Tricia shared the Mitigation Actions Status Review document on the screen. She described that we would walk through each mitigation action to ascertain the status of the existing action. We will decide if the actions should be retained, deleted, or revised/modified. We will also determine new mitigation actions.

Tricia described that we will need to assign a priority level to the mitigation actions. One option is to base the priority level option on the risk score and the related risk level (high, medium, and low) for reach hazard as identified by the Steering Committee as part of the Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA). For example, floods, air quality, severe summer storms, severe winter storms, and wildfire are high risk level so their mitigation actions are high priority Drought, earthquakes, and volcano are medium risk level and the priority level would be medium. Landslide/debris flows are low risk level and would thus be low priority. The Steering Committee agreed that using this approach to the priority level with the mitigation actions was good and they supported it.

The group had a lively and engaging discussion of the mitigation actions! Tricia noted that it is the quality of the mitigation actions that is important, not the quantity.

There are 36 mitigation actions from the 2014 Umatilla County NHMP. We made it through the status update of all of the multi-hazard actions (6) and almost all of the wildfire mitigation actions (7 out of 8). Several mitigation actions were accomplished fully. Tricia will capture this information here in this table; she will also place that information in a separate table in the NHMP to highlight the mitigation actions that were accomplished. Many of the existing mitigation actions were to be retained and revised. Several new mitigation actions were created.

This leaves us with 23 mitigation actions to review at the 12/15/20 NHMP Steering Committee meeting. Tricia and Bob will talk with Tom about the status mitigation actions prior to the next meeting. Tricia encouraged all the NHMP Steering Committee members to review the actions and to think about what new mitigation actions they may want to propose. Please feel free to reach out to Tricia with information or questions about the mitigation actions.

#### **V. Next Steps (5 min)**

**Tricia**

- **Next Meeting is December 15: Continue discussion on mitigation actions**
- **Meeting notes and follow up**

Tricia stated that the next NHMP Steering Committee meeting would also focus on mitigation actions. She asked the Steering Committee to review the 2014 Umatilla County NHMP mitigation actions prior to the 12/15/20 meeting. Our activity will be to continue to ascertain the status of the existing actions. We will decide if the actions should be retained, deleted, or revised/modified. We will also determine new mitigation actions. We will also revisit the mission and goals for the NHMP to determine if we wish to revise them. Draft language for the mission was proposed and will be discussed.

Tricia will prepare meeting notes for the 11/17/20 meeting and send those to the Steering Committee. Additionally, the updated roster; the revised Critical/Essential Facilities, Critical Infrastructure, and Vulnerable Population Centers List; and the revised Mitigation Actions Status Review will be included.

## Materials

From Umatilla County: Copies of 2014 NHMP

From DLCDC: Meeting Agenda; Umatilla County NHMP Steering Committee Roster 11-3-20; Critical/ Essential Facilities, Critical Infrastructure, and Vulnerable Population Centers List; Mitigation Actions Status Review

## **2020-2021 Umatilla County NHMP Steering Committee Meetings and Meeting Topics**

The update of the NHMP will involve at least three post-award in-person or virtual meetings, led by the DLCDC Natural Hazards Planner. On the 9/22/20 Project Schedule, there are five meetings identified.

These post-award NHMP Steering Committee meetings will focus on:

- Performing a Hazard Vulnerability Analysis/Assessment (HVA);
- Identifying the critical infrastructure, critical facilities, and lifelines (and the hazards that may impact them);
- Identifying the changing future conditions (climate change impacts are included);
- Reviewing the mission and goals of the NHMP and revising as applicable;
- Discussing and completing cost share information and documentation;
- Identifying success stories of the communities;
- Reviewing and identifying significant historic hazard events;
- Public outreach activities (websites, flyers, events); and
- Reviewing the status of the existing mitigation actions in the *2014 Umatilla County NHMP* and determining if those are completed or need to be retained as is or revised, and to add new actions.

## **Umatilla County NHMP, May 2014**

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

**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.*

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.

Umatilla County NHMP Update  
Steering Committee Meeting Attendance

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020**

**1:00 – 2:30 pm via Zoom**

**Roll call attendance taken by Tierney Cimmiyotti, Umatilla County**

NAME	ORGANIZATION	ATTENDANCE
<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM</b>		
Tom Roberts	County Emergency Management	N
Bob Waldher	County Planning Department	Y
Megan Green	County Planning Department	Y
Tricia Sears	Oregon DLCD	Y
<b>CITY REPRESENTATIVES</b>		
George Cress	Pendleton	Y
Julie Chase	Pendleton	Y
Shane Garner	Milton-Freewater	Y
Clinton Spencer	Hermiston	Y
Michelle Fox	Athena	Y
Duane Thul	Weston	N
Sheila Jaspersen	Weston	N
Donna Neumann	Ukiah	N
David Slaght	Echo	Y
Justin Northern	Echo	N
Benjamin Burgener	Stanfield	N
Brandon Seitz	Umatilla	Y
Darla Huxel	Umatilla	Y
Keith Kennedy	Umatilla	Y
Graham Alderson	Adams	Y
Carrie Bennett	Helix	N
Josh Smith	Helix	Y
Kim Herron	Helix	N
Teri Bacus	Pilot Rock	Y
<b>SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES</b>		
Teresa Kilmer	Walla Walla River Irrigation District	Y
Brad Humbert	Milton-Freewater Water Control District	N
Ray Kopacz	Stanfield Irrigation District	Y
Kyle Waggoner	UCSWCD - Soil & Water Conservation District	Y
Annette Kirkpatrick	Hermiston Irrigation District	Y

Scott Stanton	Umatilla County Fire District #1	N
Dave Baty	East Umatilla Fire & Rescue District	N
Rachelle Lasater	East Umatilla Fire & Rescue District	N
<b>EXTERNAL PARTICIPANTS, TECHNICAL OR LEGAL ADVISORS</b>		
Marcus Austin	National Weather Service - Pendleton	Y
Vincent Papol	NWS - Pendleton - Local Emergency Planning Committee	N
Greg Lacquement	City of Pendleton - Local Emergency Planning Committee	Y
Bob Patterson	City of Pendleton – Strategic Planning	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	N
John Shafer	Umatilla County Board of Commissioners	N
Brian Wolcott	Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council	RETIRED -N
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	Y
Susan Christensen	Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation	N
Bree Cubrilovic	Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation	N
Terry Rowan	Umatilla County Sheriff's Office	N
Jim Littlefield	Umatilla County Sheriff's Office	N
LG Bullock	Umatilla County Public Works	N
Anne Debbaut	Oregon DLCD	N