



Umatilla County NHMP Update Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday December 15, 2020 from 1-2:30 pm

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Meeting Notes

Prepared by Tricia Sears 12-16-20

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. Special callout for seasonal enthusiasm goes to Darrin for wearing a Santa hat and shirt!

II. NHMP Update (5 min)

Tricia et al

- **Updated roster (Umatilla County NHMP Steering Committee Roster 11-19-20)**
- **Updated Critical Facilities List (Critical/ Essential Facilities, Critical Infrastructure, and Vulnerable Population Centers List 12-2-20)**

Tricia noted that in the meeting materials she sent on 12/8/20 for today's meeting, she included an updated NHMP Steering Committee Roster dated 11/19/20 and an updated Critical/ Essential Facilities, Critical Infrastructure, and Vulnerable Population Centers List which is dated 12/2/20. Tricia said both of these have subsequently been updated. Tricia will send an updated Roster and Critical Facilities List with the meeting notes, along with an updated Project Schedule and Mitigation Actions Status Review document. Please keep sending your jurisdictional information for the Critical Facilities List so that we can continue the iterative work of updating it with each jurisdiction's information. Tricia is reaching out to some folks with questions about the information that has been submitted. Note that when you provide the assets information, you will want to also identify the natural hazards that impact it. Tricia also noted that Megan is making a map of the critical facilities.

III. NHMP maps created by Megan (20 min)

Megan

- **New map format: Population Density**
 - **Floods: Floodplain, Floodplain Central**
 - **Wildfire: Fire History, Wildfire Burn Areas, Wildfire Burn Probability, Wildfire Smoke Sensitive Areas**

We successfully made Megan a co-host so she could show several of the maps that she has in progress. Megan described that she has approximately 25 maps that she is making for the NHMP! Umatilla County

upgraded their software and there is a bit of a learning curve on that. The maps have an attractive format, we all agreed. The Umatilla County boundary and all the cities are marked on the maps. The maps have limited description in text but all maps will be described in more detail in the appendix of maps that will be in the NHMP.

There is one floodplain map with six related floodplain maps of subarea within the overall floodplain map. The floodplain maps are a key part of the NHMP.

The Wildfire Smoke Sensitive Areas map is related to OAR 629-048-0148 and that is noted on the map. Justin Lauer from ODF, subbing in for Matt Hoehna, stated that the Sensitive Smoke Receptor Areas (SSRA) relate to areas that are to be protected from smoke. The only location on the map that meets this is in Pendleton. The OAR states that “A SSRA is an area designated by the board, in consultation with DEQ, which is provided the highest level of protection under the Smoke Management Plan. This is due to its past history of smoke incidents, density of population or other special legal status related to visibility such as the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area.” https://oregon.public.law/rules/oar_629-048-0140
Sensitive Smoke Receptor Areas

Megan showed us multiple fire related maps. We liked the topography view that was used. Bob noted that perhaps the coloring of the map could be slightly lightened; Megan said she would try to adjust it. Tricia noted that the fire areas of high risk seem to follow transportation corridors. Scott mentioned that these maps are showing ODF fire data, but there are other fires that occur so these maps are not showing the full picture of fires. Scott said he could get information about fires from the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). This information can be obtained from the fire marshal’s office. He will get the information and share it with us.

Tricia and Megan stated that we will send a link out to the NHMP Steering Committee that will have the NHMP maps; we will send this link out soon. Please review and comment on the maps. Tricia asked folks to put photos of their natural hazard events there too, or to send them to her via email. These photos will be used in the NHMP.

IV. 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?

At last month’s NHMP Steering Committee we discussed whether we would retain the mission as is or modify it. Several ideas were put forth by the group for modifying the mission; the three suggestions are included below. Tricia read each suggestion out loud to the group. At least eleven people stated their preference is the third suggested mission statement. The group agreed by consensus to use have the third suggestion as the new mission statement for the 2020-21 Umatilla County NHMP.

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.*

Proposed Changes to the 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. **THIS MISSION WAS ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS AS THE NEW MISSION.**

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.

The plan goals describe the overall direction that the participating jurisdiction's agencies, organizations, and citizens can take toward mitigating risk from natural hazards. The group agreed to retain the existing goals as is for the *2020-21 Umatilla County NHMP*.

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.*

V. Mitigation Actions (35 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.

The group had a lively and engaging discussion of the mitigation actions! Today we focused on the flood mitigation actions; we discussed all of the existing ones and added multiple new ones.

When we discussed the mitigation action related to levees and dams, long-term flood #2, Rob Herres stated that there is a USACE checklist for dam standards. Rob also noted that sponsorship of a dam or levee involves the operations and maintenance of the dam or levee. This mitigation action involved a considerable amount of discussion.

Tricia asked everyone to think of mitigation actions that they want for their jurisdiction.

George described three works in progress for Pendleton that we will include as mitigation actions: aerial mapping of the Umatilla River and impacts to levees; McKay Creek mapping to correct the FEMA maps; and McKay Creek watershed basin analysis and alert system for the McKay Creek dam.

Dave described one action for Echo related to mapping the Umatilla River and developing a management plan for it related to floods.

Patty asked if the cities and the County have areas that they might want to use the tool of acquisition/demolition/relocation.

Tricia suggested that we have that as a mitigation for both cities and the County. The group concurred that was a good idea.

Bob from Umatilla County noted that we want to reach out to the jurisdictions of Ukiah, Weston, and Helix. Ukiah has Camas Creek, Helix has a floodplain that covers most of the city; and Weston has Pine Creek.

Tricia encouraged all the NHMP Steering Committee members to review the mitigation actions from 2014 and what the status is on those, 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.

VI. Next Steps (5 min)

Tricia

- **Next Meeting is January 26, 2021**
- **Meeting notes and follow up**

Tricia stated that the next NHMP Steering Committee meeting, on 1/26/21, would also focus on mitigation actions. We need to get through the status update of all the existing mitigation actions from the *2014 Umatilla County NHMP*, and we need to determine all the new mitigation actions we want to have in the *2020-21 Umatilla County NHMP*. Please bring your ideas for new mitigation actions.

Tricia noted that we are making good progress on the NHMP update. For the 1/26/21 meeting we are aiming to have the draft of the Community Profile and the Hazard Annexes. Tricia proposed that we have a NHMP Steering Committee meeting in February to be sure we addressed all the information we need related to mitigation actions, critical facilities, maps, and other matters prior to Tricia's submittal of the NHMP to OEM for review. The project schedule identifies the target date for the submittal of the NHMP to OEM for review as 2/28/21. The group agreed that a February meeting would be good. After some discussion we determined the date for the NHMP Steering Committee meeting would be 2/23/21 at 1 pm. Tricia will send an electronic calendar invitation to the group.

Bob announced that he will send everyone the NHMP posters this week and that folks should put them up. He reminded folks to share the outreach efforts they do with Tricia. Tricia thanked those folks who have sent screen shots of their websites and Facebook pages, and encouraged folks to continue to do that.

Tricia will send an updated Roster and Critical Facilities List with the meeting notes, along with an updated Project Schedule and Mitigation Actions Status Review document.

Materials

From Umatilla County: Copies of 2014 NHMP

From DLCD: Meeting Agenda; Umatilla County NHMP Steering Committee Roster 11-19-20; Critical/ Essential Facilities, Critical Infrastructure, and Vulnerable Population Centers List 12-2-20; NHMP Maps: Population Density, Floodplain, Floodplain Central, Fire History, Wildfire Burn Areas, Wildfire Burn Probability, Wildfire Smoke Sensitive Areas; Mitigation Actions Status Review 11-25-20

Umatilla County NHMP, May 2014

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

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New Mission agreed upon at the 12/15/20 NHMP Steering Committee:

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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.

December 15, 2020		Roll call taken by Tierney Cimmiyotti of Umatilla County at the 12/15/20 Umatilla County NHMP Steering Committee meeting held on Zoom.
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	N
Clinton Spencer	Hermiston	Y
Michelle Fox	Athena	Y

Duane Thul	Weston	N
Sheila Jaspersen	Weston	Y
Donna Neumann	Ukiah	N
David Slaght	Echo	Y
Justin Northern	Echo	N
Benjamin Burgener	Stanfield	N
Brandon Seitz	Umatilla	Y
Darla Huxel	Umatilla	N
Keith Kennedy	Umatilla	N
Graham Alderson	Adams	Y
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	Y
Brad Humbert	M-F 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	Y
Dave Baty	East Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District	N
EXTERNAL PARTICIPANTS, TECHNICAL OR LEGAL ADVISORS		
Marcus Austin	National Weather Service - Pendleton	Y
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	N
Brett Thomas	USDA- Umatilla National Forest - Fire	N
Matt Hoehna	Oregon Department of Forestry - Fire	N
Justin Lauer (for Matt Hoena)	Oregon Department of Forestry - Fire	Y
Darrin Umbarger	Clearview Disability Resource Center	Y
Patty Perry	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	N
Rob Burnside	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Y

John Shafer	Umatilla County Board of Commissioners	N
Troy Baker	Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council (WWBWC)	Y
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 (For Linda Campbell & Michelle Frost)	US Army Corps of Engineers - Walla Walla District	Y
Susan Christensen	Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC)	N
Bree Cubrilovic	Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC)	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 (OEM)	N
Anne Debbaut	Oregon DLCD	N
Meghan Dalton	Oregon Climate Change Research Institute (OCCRI)	N