



# Umatilla County NHMP Update Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday September 29, 2020 from 1-3 pm

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## Meeting Notes

Prepared by Tricia Sears on 10/6/20

### **I. Welcome & Introductions & Sign-In (15 min) Tom Roberts, Bob Waldher, Megan Green, Tierney Cimmiyotti, and Tricia Sears**

Bob did the introduction to the meeting by providing a welcome and a history of how we got here. Tierney took attendance by doing a roll call of everyone on the meeting attendance list we had prepared. We added those present who were not already on the list. The attendance list is included at the end of the meeting notes.

### **II. NHMP Update Project (25 min) Tricia and Tierney**

- **What is the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP)? (NHMP Info Sheet)**
- **Cost Share (Cost Share Forms and Instructions)**
- **Roles and Responsibilities, Intergovernmental Agreement/ Scope of Work**
- **Planning Process and Schedule (Project Schedule)**
- **Public Outreach (Website: <http://www.umatillacounty.net/NHMP/>, Umatilla County NHMP Flyer)**

Tricia described Natural Hazards Mitigation Plans (NHMPs). They need to be updated every five years to be valid. Currently Umatilla County's NHMP is expired. NHMPs that are current/valid provide the jurisdictions with eligibility for pre- and post-disaster funding.

Tricia described the funding source of this project, which is the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Tricia worked with Umatilla County to submit an application for funding and FEMA awarded us the funds. To receive the funds, DLCD has to spend the money to do the project and as we go, we submit paperwork to OEM and FEMA for reimbursement.

To accomplish the reimbursement we ask that project participants fill out paperwork documenting their time and tasks on the project. These tasks and time are in kind contributions that come from each participating jurisdiction. We call this cost share. Tricia noted that Umatilla County is taking the bulk of the responsibility for cost share contributions, with their agreement to provide \$20,000 in kind. That leaves \$11,250 of in kind contributions for the rest of the participating jurisdictions to provide.

Tricia has provided a cost share form to fill out, and two instruction sheets. Rather than go through these in detail during the meeting, Tricia asked if anyone had questions. Tricia asked everyone to submit a cost share form to her for the time they have spent on the project those far. This can include the work on the IGA's that we have done, and time spent on this NHMP Steering Committee meeting.

Tierney described that the cost share forms should be filled out each month and provided to her. She will be assisting Tricia in obtaining the cost share forms from everyone in a timely fashion.

Tricia described that FEMA and OEM require participating jurisdictions to complete IGAs/SOWs with DLCDC. At the time of the NHMP Steering Committee meeting, there are 17 participating jurisdictions (Umatilla County, the 12 cities, and 4 special districts) with signed IGAs. On the attendance list at the end of the meeting notes, there is an asterisk denoting those jurisdictions with signed IGAs. It is not too late to sign one; if your jurisdiction is interested please contact Tricia.

The project schedule is accelerated for this project! We will have one meeting a month in September through January. These meetings will be via Zoom. It is uncertain at this time, unfortunately, if we will be able to have in person meetings.

We established the NHMP Steering Committee dates as October 27, November 17, December 15, 2020 and January 26, 2021. These meetings will be 1 – 2:30 pm. We will set up additional meetings as needed.

Tricia stated the importance of public outreach and this was discussed. We all recognize the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic provides for outreach. We will be relying extensively on electronic communication about the NHMP. Umatilla County has established a specific page on their website for the NHMP. A link to the Umatilla County NHMP Flyer will be on that page. Meeting dates and other information about the NHMP will be on that page. Each of the jurisdictions should put something on their respective websites that alerts people that visit their website to the fact that the jurisdiction is participating in the Umatilla County NHMP update. Tricia will be checking participating jurisdiction's websites and taking screen shots of their NHMP related information. It would be greatly appreciated if you can email Tricia when you have something posted on your website. Also, if you send the NHMP flyer out to the community in electronic or printed form, please let Tricia know. Basically we need to demonstrate we are doing outreach about the NHMP and we need to document it to show OEM and FEMA.

### **III. Steering Committee (10 min)**

**Tom, Bob, and Tricia**

- **Composition of the Committee (SC Roster)**
- **Ground Rules and Decisions - Vote or Consensus with Acknowledgements**

We discussed the roster and if we should include any additional people. It was suggested that someone from Umatilla County Public Works and someone from Umatilla County Public Health be added. Annette mentioned that someone from West Extension Irrigation District (Bev Bridgewater) should be included.

The Steering Committee decided that decision-making will be made by consensus with acknowledgements of comments.

### **IV. Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) (60 min)**

**Tricia**

- **Work Session (Significant Hazard Events, HVA Worksheet)**

We reviewed the Significant Hazards Events document. This document provides a brief sample of hazards events that happened in Umatilla County. The document also describes several other lists of hazards events, as well as stating that the lists of hazards events in the *2014 NHMP* will be updated.

We did the Hazard Vulnerability Analysis Worksheet (see that document for more details) by engaging in lively discussion. Tricia asked the NHMP Steering Committee what they thought the most frequent and impactful hazards to Umatilla County are. The response was most definitely floods. We discussed

perception of frequent and impactful hazards versus what the data shows. Jurisdictional staff was encouraged to highlight unique situations. Dave noted that wind storms are very impactful to Echo.

All the existing identified natural hazards were retained for the HVA. Scores for each natural hazard were made in the categories of history, vulnerability, maximum threat, and probability. The categorical scores are weighted. Those categorical scores were tallied for each hazard as a risk score. The risk scores were discussed for each hazard.

After some discussion that highlighted some air quality concerns, Tricia mentioned jurisdictions that she has worked with on NHMPs have air quality as a natural hazard. After the meeting, Tricia received two comments about air quality. Vincent stated that he thought it would be good to add air quality as a natural hazard. Anne stated that smoke and haze, which are indicators of poor air quality, can also impact energy resources such as solar power. Bob stated he supported the idea of adding air quality as a natural hazard for Umatilla County. We will discuss this at the NHMP Steering Committee meeting on 10/27/20.

Tricia will send the Hazards Vulnerability Analysis Summary to the NHMP Steering Committee with the meeting notes.

- V. Overview of Upcoming Discussions (5 min) Tricia**
- **Mission and Goals from 2014 NHMP (on back of agenda)**
  - **Mitigation Actions from 2014 NHMP**
  - **Critical Infrastructure, Critical Facilities, and Lifelines from 2014 NHMP**
  - **Oregon Climate Change Research Institute (OCCRI) Report**

Tricia did a brief overview of these important topics for discussion at our upcoming Steering Committee meetings.

The mission and goals of the *2014 NHMP* will be reviewed by the NHMP Steering Committee. We will chose whether to retain and or modify the mission and goals. We will chose whether to add more goals.

We will discuss the existing mitigation actions in the *2014 NHMP*. Discussion will include, have they been accomplished? Do we retain them, if we retain them do we retain them as is or modify them? Do we eliminate some of them? What new mitigation actions do we want to add?

We will discuss critical infrastructure, critical facilities, and lifelines. We will update the existing list so that it is current, and relevant to the participating jurisdictions. Also, we will discuss the identified natural hazards in the NHMP and how those may impact the critical infrastructure, critical facilities, and lifelines.

FEMA's NHMP requirements include that we evaluate the future changing conditions of the participating jurisdictions. To do that we look at existing and future development, as well as risks and vulnerabilities from the identified hazards. To assist us with the analysis, DLCDC's Natural Hazards Planner, Tricia Sears, collaborates with the OCCRI to prepare a report about future climate projections for Umatilla County relevant to specific natural hazards. The OCCRI scientist working on this report is Meghan Dalton. She will talk with us at the 10/27/20 NHMP Steering Committee meeting.

- VI. Next Steps (5 min) Tricia**
- **Next Meeting, October 26? That would be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in October**
  - **Meeting Notes and Follow up**

We established our upcoming NHMP Steering Committee meeting dates earlier in the meeting. Tricia stated that she would send meeting invitations. Tricia will also send meeting notes and the Hazard Vulnerability Analysis Summary to the Steering Committee. Tricia also thanked everyone for attending. Please feel free to contact Tricia with any questions.

## Materials

From Umatilla County: Copies of 2014 NHMP

From DLCDC: Meeting Agenda; NHMP Info Sheet; Cost Share Form (3); Project Schedule; Umatilla County NHMP Flyer; SC Roster; Significant Hazard Events; and HVA Worksheet

## **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.

## Steering Committee Meeting Attendance

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**

**1:00 – 3:00 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	Y
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
Shane Garner	Milton-Freewater	Y
Clinton Spencer	Hermiston	Y
Michelle Fox	Athena	Y
Duane Thul	Weston	Y
Sheila Jaspersen	Weston	Y
Donna Neumann	Ukiah	N
David Slaght	Echo	Y
Benjamin Burgener	Stanfield	Y
Brandon Seitz	Umatilla	Y
Darla Huxel	Umatilla	Y
Keith Kennedy	Umatilla	Y
Graham Alderson	Adams	Y
Kristen Schmitgall	Adams	N
Donna Grimes	Adams	N
Carrie Bennett	Helix	N
Josh Smith	Helix	Y
Kim Herron	Helix	N
Teri Bacus	Pilot Rock	N
<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	N
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	Y
<b>EXTERNAL PARTICIPANTS, TECHNICAL OR LEGAL ADVISORS</b>		

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
Brett Thomas	USDA- Umatilla National Forest - Fire	N
Matt Hoehna	Oregon Department of Forestry - Fire	N
Darrin Umbarger	Clearview Disability Resource Center	N
Patty Perry	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Y
John Shafer	Umatilla County Board of Commissioners	Y
Brian Wolcott	Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council	N
Troy Baker	Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council	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	Y
Susan Christensen	Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation	Y
Bree Cubrilovic	Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation	Y
Terry Rowan	Umatilla County Sheriff's Office	N
Jim Littlefield	Umatilla County Sheriff's Office	N
Anne Debbaut	Oregon DLCD	Y