Tillamook County MJNHMP Update Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 2016 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Tillamook County Public Library, Hatfield Room
1716 3rd Street, Tillamook, OR 97141
Tillamook County Department of Community Development
TLC Bank Building (Next to Waud's Funeral Home)
1510 B Third Street, Tillamook, OR 97141

Time and location change due to winter weather conditions.

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Attended in Person:

- Bill Baertlein, Commissioner, Tillamook County
- Sarah Absher, Community Development Planner, Tillamook County
- Barrett Chaix, Community Development Planner, Tillamook County
- Gordon McCraw, Director, Tillamook County Emergency Management
- Liane Welch, Director, Tillamook County Public Works (Roads/Solid Waste)
- Angie Cherry, City Planning Secretary, City of Bay City
- John O'Leary, City Manager, City of Garibaldi
- Jerry Taylor, City Manager, City of Manzanita
- Dale Shafer, City Manager and City Recorder, City of Nehalem
- Paul Wyntergreen, City Manager, City of Tillamook
- Geoff Wullschlager, City Manager, City of Wheeler
- Aaron Palter, Project Coordinator, Port of Tillamook Bay

Attended via internet due to winter weather conditions:

- Jed Roberts, Flood Mapping Coordinator, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)
- Matt Williams, Geohazards Analyst, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)
- David Ratte, Regional Engineer, FEMA Region X
- Cynthia McCoy, Risk Analyst GIS/HAZUS, FEMA Region X
- Kate Skaggs, Community Engagement and Risk Communication Coordinator, Michael Baker International
- Angie Lane, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Oregon Office of Emergency Management
- Patrick Wingard, North Coast Regional Representative, Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)
- Meg Reed, Coastal Shores Specialist, Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)
- Marian Lahav, Natural Hazards Planner, Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)

The meeting began a few minutes after 12:00 with a welcome and introductions.

Barrett Chaix, with Sarah Absher and Jeff Underwood, demonstrated the web page that Tillamook County has prepared to support this project. The other jurisdictions will direct traffic from their websites to the County website which will contain the project documents and will provide a link for the public to comment. The site will be reached via links from both the County Commissioners web page and the Department of Community Development web page. Patrick suggested that the month and year be added, and the newest information be posted at the top. The Multi-Hazard Risk Report will be posted after an internal review has been completed. The site will go live in the next few days.

Marian reviewed the public engagement plan with the Steering Committee to find out which of the items the jurisdictions were doing and could commit to, and which would not be done. The only change was that Cities of Bay City and Tillamook will not be able to include informational inserts in water bills. Then we discussed the process of adopting the plan and whether planning commissions would be involved in the adoption process. Marian explained that adoption of the plan is not a legislative act, and is normally done by resolution. Most jurisdictions will bring a resolution to the City Council or Board of Commissioners. Some jurisdictions may hold an informational workshop with the Planning Commission. In any case, Planning Commissioners are welcome to provide comments on the draft Plan. Marian will provide a template for the adopting resolution.

Meeting notes were adopted without revisions. Dale Shafer stated she was not present at the meeting so did not have weigh in on the meeting notes.

There will be two changes in Steering Committee membership: Commissioner Bill Baertlein will step in for Commissioner Mark Labhart who is retiring. The City of Garibaldi will appoint a new City Councilor to the Steering Committee.

State Hazard Mitigation Officer Angie Lane joined by phone to discuss post-disaster funding. There is a concern that because the current NHMP will lapse before the update is complete, jurisdictions may not be eligible for post-disaster funding. Angie explained how the process works, and the extraordinary circumstances exception. Generally the timing is such that with just a few months lapse as in this case, there should be little or no delay in grant funding. The extraordinary circumstances exception is not automatic and is narrow, but has been used and could be again if justified.

Marian reviewed an updated project schedule. Highlights include posting of the draft Risk Assessment for comments at the beginning of February; meetings with each jurisdiction on the Mitigation Strategy in March; the Resilience Meeting and three public open houses in April; adoption of the plan by each jurisdiction in August, and final approval in September.

Matt Williams presented DOGAMI's updated Multi-Hazard Risk Report. It was updated with wildfire information that had been issued too late to be included in the previous version (September 2016). Also a number of tables and figures had been updated and new maps included. This led to a discussion of the Resilience Meeting planned for April and how the Multi-Hazard Risk Report and NHMP could be integrated with comprehensive plans. Cynthia McCoy said FEMA can, through its Community Engagement and Risk Communication contractors and in coordination with the state, provide resources to advance mitigation based on the outcome of the Resilience Meeting. Examples include community outreach and development of materials for citizens, property owners, and business owners; code and ordinance development or enhancement; cost/benefit analyses for certain actions, particularly those for which FEMA grant applications are being developed; and GIS training. Cynthia asked the Steering Committee how FEMA could help build capacity in Tillamook County. What are the needs? Liane Welch identified training on benefit/cost analysis and development of grant applications. Gordon McCraw said that during disasters the County needs assistance getting information out to the public. Sarah Absher requested help finding a way to be able to continually update the MJNHMP so future updates will not be such a big project, as well as assistance in making sure that the plan maintenance system is executed.

The next meeting will be scheduled in during the week of January 30 – February 3, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.