

Morrow County NHMP Steering Committee
Meeting Notes for March 30, 2017
Bartholomew Building
Heppner, Oregon

Attendees: Kymberli Erevia, Janette Eldrige, Janet Greenup, Carla McLane, Steve Rhea.

Meeting started at 9:00 a.m. There were no previous meeting notes to be reviewed. Introductions were made.

NHMP Steering Committee Membership: It was decided to take a systematic look at make-up by the Board of Commissioners (BOC); Carla has advocated to not set terms for this group as most are there as part of their job; according to BOC there needs to be an official appointment (or re-appointment); consideration was made to look at necessary replacement and see if anyone is missing; discussed replacing Larry Burns with a representative of Boardman Fire, as well as including a city manager and utilities/renewable energies; discussed the role of Red Cross, schools, Columbia Basin Electric and Umatilla Electric Co-Op, and many of these agencies participate by agenda driven topic, so how do we engage them in mitigation process; the state (OEM) is primarily focusing on Cascadia; how do we plan and prepare for the impact of a Cascadia event.

Action Items: Acknowledgment of the plan by FEMA and adoption by county and jurisdictions was discussed; considered how the plan will be implemented now, and the fact that the master plan is to be retained at the Morrow County Planning Department. Discussed primary goal of plan, which is to reduce risk. Tracking changes was discussed, Kymberli will create a spreadsheet of the action items to better track progress for items that have not been completed; system for tracking changes to the plan will also be developed to make sure all entities are updated accordingly. The wildfire section is being reviewed to include wildfire suppression in forest use areas; discussed the Depot mutual aid; Steve indicated there would be an upcoming meeting with Navy, Oregon Forestry Department, US Forest Services, regular fire departments, UMCD and Greg Smith (CDA) to talk about fire hazard and mutual aid plan, he will let Carla know when that meeting will be; Actions items were identified to include reaching out to Red Cross for a contact person, creating tracking changes and project spreadsheet, and including the wildfire suppression topic on an upcoming MEAC meeting agenda.

Upcoming Workshops: Briefly discussed upcoming events with group. Will notify committee when the Oregon Workshop date and time has been confirmed.

Grant Opportunities: Reviewed handouts for various grants briefly, informational piece for jurisdictions needing grant or match funds for mitigation projects not yet completed.

Next meeting date: Left open based on fire season; possibly last week of September or first of October.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.