

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 8, 2015 – 0900-1200  
Camp Murray, Washington, Building 91

## Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order/Approval of Minutes/Remarks/Introductions

*Jim Hall, EMC Chair*

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

**Motion:** Ron Averill moved to approve the minutes. JoAnn Boggs seconded. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

### Opening Comments

*General Daugherty*

- The National Weather service said 2015 could be just as bad as 2014 for floods and landslides
- This is a bad flu season
- Progress on the Cascadia response plan
  - It is published in draft form for input and feedback
  - The governor and the cabinet were briefed on the potential severity of the earthquake
  - Training 150-250 state employees over the next few years for staffing the state EOC
- Thanks to Jim Hall who retired as of December 31, 2014

### EMD Remarks

*Director Ezelle*

- 2014 was extremely busy and 2015 is shaping up to be exactly the same
- The State Emergency Operations Center is activated for flooding
  - Conducting damage assessments
  - Will probably *not* meet thresholds for assistance
  - General Daugherty and Robert will travel to Grays Harbor to observe the damage and see what the state can do to help
- Lots of exercises (and quarterly exercises) planned for 2015
  - 2016 Cascadia Rising exercise is moving forward with FEMA, locals, and the Department of Defense
  - EMD is partnering with the cabinet, locals, and hopefully the EMC
  - Looking at a joint exercise with the Department of Health
  - Major cyber exercise in spring
  - Oil train scenario later in the summer
  - End the year with preparations for winter storms
- Monitoring legislation

### FEMA Remarks

*Ken Murphy*

- Preliminary damage assessments coming out
  - Corps of Engineers has spent a lot of time and energy helping with assessments
- Continuing resolution is ongoing
- Monitoring Ebola and state health
- Reviewing unaccompanied children plans
- Working on Cascadia Rising exercise

## **Update SR 530 Slide Commission**

*Director Ezelle*

- The commission's report is out and there are recommendations being made
  - Includes recommendations for: sustainable funding, all-hazard mobilization, and landslide mapping
  - The recommendation for geological mapping did make it in the to the governor's transportation package
- The Emergency Management Advisory Group's work plan includes looking at a statewide emergency management system and structuring of the Joint Information Center/Joint Information System
- The Commission's Report can be found here:  
[http://www.governor.wa.gov/documents/SR530LC\\_Final\\_Report.pdf](http://www.governor.wa.gov/documents/SR530LC_Final_Report.pdf)

## **State Preparedness Report**

*John Ufford*

- The governor reviewed the package and approved its submission to FEMA
  - Report was submitted before the deadline
- Beginning the AAR process for last year's report
  - Will work with FEMA partners sometime in February for feedback

## **EMC Report to the Governor**

*Dave DeHaan*

- A report to the governor is required by the WAC, but the EMC has not submitted one in years
- It is imperative that we complete one for 2014
- Met with OFM, MIL, and EMD to discuss the construct of how the report should look
- Suggest a 1-page executive summary with no more than 20 pages and specific recommendations that should be acted upon
- We currently do not have a process to gather recommendations being made in the name of emergency management
- Referred to past reports, two strategic plans, Resilient Washington, and the SR 530 Report to research what should be in 2014's report
- Take SR 530 report and recommendations and put our stamp of approval on it and highlight specific recommendations (specifically sustainable funding and a statewide emergency management system)
- Create a taskforce to work on the governor's report and submit it in 2015
  - Create the task force under the EMC
    - Reason 1: we are an interdisciplinary organization made specifically for EM.
    - Reason 2: can give them a council to report to on a bimonthly basis.
- We do not have a good enough definition of sustainable funding
  - Suggest forming a workgroup under the EMC that would specifically define sustainable funding
- The two groups would coordinate efforts
- Topics to mention in report: landslide risk, statewide mobilization, fatality management, and resource management
- The EMAG has stepped up to the plate for the statewide system and resource ordering

## **Committee – Task Force Reports**

1. EMC Executive Committee (Informal)

*Jim Hall*

- Will be up to the new EMC chair to select a new committee
2. Emergency Management Advisory Group (Action Item) *Director Ezelle*
    - Primary focus is to complete the membership
    - Almost every slot is filled except for small cities and tribal representation
    - First meeting with the new membership this afternoon
      - Establishing terms of service
    - Work plan: statewide emergency management system, JIC/JIS, EOC IMT interface (partnering with EMI for training in the state), and resource ordering
    - Discussing HLS Regional Composition (EMC task)
  3. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) *Bill Whealan/Mike Harris*
    - Submitted committee report to Dave DeHaan
    - Reviewing gap analysis and CBRNE response
    - Will tackle strategic plan for 2015
    - Currently working with EMD/Lorri Gifford for a sole source letter for a consultant
  4. Seismic Safety *Dave Norman/Director Ezelle*
    - Responding to landslides that were unusual because of strange rain patterns
    - Dispatched geologists early in the event and contacted emergency managers and police and started conducting evacuations.
    - Submitted committee report to Dave DeHaan
    - Running legislation for LIDAR
      - Decision package to increase capacity for the state geological survey for mapping
  5. Senior Advisory Committee *Ziggy Dahl/Dave DeHaan*
    - Identifying positions of the EMC that meet the requirements of the SAC
    - Have a list of people that are missing from the representation
    - Currently forming a more specific list/recommendation to revise the RCW
    - Need a better method to collect, store, and share recommendations, data, and studies so we don't have to keep reinventing them
    - Under the ad-hoc committee's previous suggestion to reorganize the EMC and create new workgroups, it would be hard to find a chair and organize consistent meetings
      - Rather than reorganizing, use that structure as a work path to the EMC
    - Working to hand off the ad hoc group from Ziggy's unit to Kurt's unit
  6. Intrastate Mutual Aid (WAMAS) *Director Ezelle*
    - The committee met to look at the draft deployment guide procedures and charter
    - The draft was sent out to EM community for feedback
    - Will meet with the group later this month and hopefully come up with a better product to meet the needs of the constituents and hope to present it to the EMC in March
    - Widen subcommittee invites to the larger and smaller jurisdictions to see how they can support
  7. Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee *John Himmel*
    - No report

#### **EMC Action Requests**

1. Sustainable Funding *Jim Hall*
  - This is one of the keys of success for the future of emergency management
  - Should be discipline-wide, not just emergency management

- Biggest challenge is identifying what the actual true needs and the level of needs
  - Need to avoid duplication of effort
    - WSEMA is sending out a survey to capture the data.
    - Goal is to gather interdisciplinary data
  - Instead of creating a separate workgroup the EMC should coordinate with WSEMA
  - “Standard-based funding”
    - What does it take to have a healthy standardized program?
    - What are the capabilities/capacities we’re trying to build?
2. Intrastate Mutual Aid Procedures *Director Ezelle*
- Nothing new to report
3. Objectives of Homeland Security Regional Concept *Director Ezelle*
- This has been on the EMAG’s agenda and will be discussed again this afternoon

### **Election of Chair for 2015-2016**

*Jim Hall*

- Dave DeHaan was nominated for the chair position at the previous EMC meeting in November.
- Jim Hall opened the nominations 3 times

**Motion:** Ron Averill moved to close the nominations and elect Dave DeHaan as the new EMC Chair. Amy Ockerlander seconded. The motion carried and Dave DeHaan was unanimously elected as the EMC chair for 2015 through 2016.

- Dave DeHaan thanked the previous chair, Jim Hall, for the great work he did over these past couple of years laying a great foundation to build upon
- The executive committee will meet after every EMC meeting and look at topics the council needs to accomplish
- Make the March 5th meeting an all-day meeting
  - Have a work session from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
    - Address: the governor’s report, membership and attendance, and the potential formation of workgroups (sustainable funding and statewide emergency management system)
  - Commence the EMC meeting from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Dave DeHaan will provide a draft EMC goal
  - The goals for 2015 will give direction to the subcommittees
- The EMAG meeting will be rescheduled

### **2015 Meeting Dates**

**Motion:** Ron Averill moved to approve the 2015 meeting schedule. JoAnn Boggs seconded. The motion carried and the 2015 meeting schedule was approved.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.