Minutes of Meeting September 6, 2018 ~ Building 91 ~ Camp Murray

Meeting called to order by Ron Averill, Chair, 9:02 AM

In Attendance - Introduction of Attendees
[Scanned sign in roster following minutes]

- Phone participants
  - Mike Harris, Vice-Chair and SERC Representative
  - Jason Norberg, Department of Ecology
- Jason Norberg mentioned that there were people on another conference line, due to confusion about the number that was given out. He asked that we check the number and send the correct number out if possible.

Approval of Minutes

- Review of previous meeting minutes
  - Motion to Approve: Ron Averill
  - Approval: Unanimous

Opening Comments

Robert Ezelle

First, we have had some staff changes at EMD. Alysha is temporarily heading up our preparedness activities, and Stacey McClain is overseeing Mitigation, Response, and Recovery. Contact Alysha for all matters pertaining to planning, exercises, and training. Stacey remains your point of contact for mitigation and recovery. In total we have had almost 400,000 acres burned, had 23 fire mobilizations and 9 FMAGs. In addition to supporting firefighting efforts, our primary focus at EMD has been preparing for the next legislative cycle. Two bills will run again this session – Governor’s Emergency Powers, and Continuity of Government. Additionally, we have a provision in state law that directs us to administer an individual assistance (IA) program. However, this requirement has never been funded. We are clarifying statute to define an IA program and to identify funding. We are running both a bill and a decision package to assist in receiving the funding. We have also drafted a bill that requires us to plan for a catastrophic event and built a decision package requesting the requisite funding. Additionally, we have decision packages for earthquake early warning, E911, resilient communications, LEPC funding, critical infrastructure planning and FirstNet project management.

FEMA Remarks: Scott Zaffram, FEMA Region X

Updates FEMA- National preparedness month, they are looking to get FEMA staff involved in support of national preparedness and FEMA.

New initiatives, regional youth preparedness council, met five weeks ago and Washington has members on the youth council:
• How do we get them involved in preparedness?
• How do we build a better bridge?

I am excited that the youth seem to be very engaged.

We are looking to build a volcano risk profile; how will areas be impacted in lahar zones?

We are looking to assist in updating the lahar modeling, ash modeling and informing the public.

Integration Teams for FEMA: they are currently going through the hiring process now to see who will sit on the panel. We are working with Robert to see if he has any ideas or suggestions.

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<td>The caveat was that there are more important things there that are state priorities but that doesn’t mean that ours are not among them. Going forward those are probably going to be things that you see going out to the press.</td>
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<td>Curt Boyle Director of the Fusion Center- What are we. What do we do.</td>
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<td>You can sign up for the InFocus from the Fusion Center, and the Fusion center insider.</td>
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<td>• Complex Coordinated Terrorism Attack Grant Program</td>
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<td>Amy Gillespie gave a presentation on “Complex Coordinated Terrorism Attack Grant Program and offered to have the EMC come out and see the safety officials work, how they operate under stress and how the work that you do impacts them.</td>
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Committee - Task Force Reports

- **State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)**
  
  Last SERC meeting was right before the LEPC conference in June. We discussed our 2018 HazMat Workshop which was in Spokane. The 2019 Workshop will also be in Spokane during the WASEMA Conference. During that time, we will discuss the 2019 LEPC Conference, and the CBRNE Study. Regarding the CBRNE study we have received $150,000 for the study, we are working on the RFP and we will be looking for someone to write the study with the amount funded. The 4th Annual Western Regional SERC meeting is January 29th-30 in Nevada.

- **Washington Mutual Aid System (WAMAS)**
  
  Last meeting was in May, and since then we have had two new members and we also have not had any more meetings. We are looking to replace Amy Ockerlander and find someone to fill her spot. Additionally, I would propose that we look at rotating members. Per the charter, these are 2-year appointments. Potentially, we could rotate two other represented membership such as local emergency managers.

  What tribes have opted into WAMAS? The Federated Colville Tribes

- **Seismic Safety (SS)**
  
  DNR received some limited funding for school seismic safety assessments from the legislature. It is likely DNR will have the buildings done soon and the report is due by October. There is a lot of work being done on the earthquake early warning system, Maximillian is doing a lot regarding studying Japan’s early warning system and seeing how we can implement something similar here. We are discussing how school seismic safety is beneficial, and we are pushing forward on that. School seismic safety is a priority as well as unreinforced masonry. The Governor is putting a priority on the schools within the tsunami inundation zones.

- **Emergency Management Advisory Group (EMAG)**
  
  EMAG has not met recently but we have a small workgroup that has met several times. We are looking to define what exactly emergency management is, and how it is designed. We need an understanding of core capabilities, gaps and the ability to leverage current capabilities at our disposal. One thing that was brought up was how can we build centers of excellence in different pockets of the state. There was a suggestion that there needs to be more scrutiny about how things are done at the state local and county level about how we deliver services. We may need to look at WAC 118.09. We are also talking about resiliency and how to build a more resilient Washington. We need to scrutinize how our grant funds are leveraged. We need to look for more regional solutions and how we can assist the locals. That is why we decided to start with really defining what emergency management is and how it should operate at different levels of government which will also redefine the WACS, and how funding is dispersed.
• **Infrastructure Resilience Subcommittee (IRSC)**
  Michael Roberson
  - Last meeting was Aug 15th at Camp Murray. We had 24 attendees on the public side and 11 attendees from the private sector. The Puget Sound Regional Supply Chain Project is a joint effort with King Pierce, Snohomish and Thurston. We are wrapping up the outreach with the grocery sector and have meetings coming up with Target, Trader Joe’s, and Walmart.

• **Inclusion and Equity Subcommittee (IES)**
  Kristen Baird-Ramos
  - Inclusion met August 23. Topics included smoke appendix plan update, with severe smoke issues for limited proficiency groups. The discussion really centered on the two LEP coordinators and the outreach into the community. Our next meeting is Nov 8th (tentatively).

### Old Business

**Ron Averill**

**SAC/EMC Meetings**

The SAC meeting will be combined with the EMC meeting in November. We will have our regular meeting for 2 hours and then move into the SAC agenda for the final hour.

Per the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding requirements, we will invite additional representatives and add the required topics to the EMC/SAC November meeting. This will meet the federal grant requirements.

Alysha explained that the SAC agenda items will be added to our November meeting every year. TJ will deliver an EMC/SAC crosswalk presentation at the November meeting to show the requirements and how WA accomplishes these deliverables.

### New Business

**Ron Averill**

**Attendance/Vacancies**

Ron talked about vacancies and mentioned that since we are now at quarterly meetings it is important that we keep up with attendance. Ron asked for a review of our attendance to see where things are. He also stated that within the charter there are rules that govern attendance and we should address tightening the procedures up a little bit. Either the primary or the alternate must be in attendance at EMC meetings for each position.

Recommendation that EMC add WSDOT and perhaps American Public Works Association (APWA) to the vacant at-large positions. This will be up for vote at the November meeting.

TJ suggested that ten minutes is carved out at the end of each meeting to determine the next meeting agenda so that there can be information on what people want to see and they can plan ahead.

### Good of the Order

**Ron Averill**

Ron stated that he will not be seeking re-election as the chair of the EMC for 2019. He has already informed people that he is stepping down and encouraged looking for a replacement. This will also be announced again at the November meeting.
Ron also mentioned that the committee reports from the sub committees need to be in hand by the first of December, so he can get a draft together and have them ready by the first of January.

- What is important in the reports are what did you address during the year?
- What were your accomplishments?

Please remember that we are only doing the 2018 report we aren’t doing a 2-year report.

Joan Boggs reminded people that they can still sign up for WASEMA. Some rooms are still available

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

**2018 Meeting Schedule - Location**

- **October 4, 2018** – Building 91; Camp Murray (SAC Requirement) Canceled
- **November 1, 2018** – Building 91; Camp Murray

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