Meeting called to order by Sandi Duffey, Chair, 9:03 AM

In Attendance – Introduction of Attendees

[Scanned sign in roster following minutes]

On phone:

Stephanie Wright, Association of Washington Counties

Mike Harris, Vice-Chair, Washington Association of Fire Chiefs

Ron Averill, Guest

Chair welcomed WSDOT and APWA Representatives who are new additions to the council.

Approval of Minutes

- Review of previous meeting minutes
  - Motion to Approve: JoAnn Boggs & Chuck LeBlanc
  - Approval: Unanimous

Opening Comments

General Turner

General Turner opened the meeting by noting that it is beginning to be a difficult fire season. The Washington Military Department (WMD) is working closely with Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

EMD Remarks:

EMD has undergone staff changes since the last meeting. T.J. Rajcevich moved over to the Finance Division. Sierra Wardell has promoted to replace T.J. as the Preparedness Grants Section Manager. Tristan Allen has moved to take a position at the Department of Commerce and Courtney Rose will be leaving to Tacoma Public Utilities. Sue Vezeau, the Preparedness Section Manager has been onboarded and was introduced at the meeting.

Fire season has started with the first fire mobe in March in western Washington. There is currently a fire mobe in Grant County. The predictions for this year’s fire season do not look favorable.

The EMD Preparedness Audit is complete. High level details include:

- Provide guidance and training to local jurisdictions to more clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the EMD liaison, including how the liaison will work with local authorities.
- Assist IMTs by coordinating regional training sessions with local partners to educate them on the role of the IMTs.
- Develop and operate a statewide credentialing program to standardize requirements, identify and validate the expertise of incident management teams and emergency operations center personnel across the state. In developing the program, EMD should:
  - Work with local jurisdictions to develop ways to make EMD’s meetings more effective opportunities for two-way communication.
  - Establish a regional coordinators program or other mechanisms to develop and maintain the necessary relationships with local emergency managers for successful response. Redirect existing resources or request additional resources as needed.
• EMD will be putting together a decision package to request one FTE to support broader credentialing initiative

Planning staff are working on Cascadia Rising 2022 (CR22) Exercise. The purpose of this exercise will be to test the organized response phase of the state catastrophic plan (and response core capabilities delivered by the plan) and the Washington State Restoration Framework (recovery) in conjunction with neighboring states and regional plans. The State Priorities and Catastrophic Incident Planning Strategies to be tested will be:

- Critical Transportation
- Mass Care Services
- Public Health, Healthcare, EMS, and Fatality Management
- Critical Infrastructure-Utilities Restoration:
  - Energy (Fuel and Power Grid)
  - Water and Waste Water
  - Information Communications Technology

The scenario will be utilizing scientific-based data. The information that is sourced from risk assessments and studies include:

- HITRAC-FEMA
- HAZUS for earthquakes and tsunamis-FEMA
- M9 tsunami modeling-UW/USGS
- Tsunami modeling-DNR/UW/NOAA
- Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP)
  - Transportation Systems Resiliency (completed)
  - Water (in-progress)
  - Airports (proposed)
- Collaboration efforts between Emergency Management Division, Department of Natural Resources, National Guard, FEMA, USGS, UW, CREW, and others.
*Day-to-day scenario of the exercise will drive participant play in all or selected date range*

The Components of the Exercise Series include:

- Vigilant Guard (National Guard support to civil authority)
- Cascadia Rising (Emergency Operations/Coordination Centers)
- Ardent Sentry (National Defense support to civil authority)

Participant Engagement and Play is driven by the participant’s need to validate and evaluate plans:

- Functional/Full-Scale (validate and evaluated completed plans)
- Menu driven to allow flexible level of play
- Workshops and Tabletops (develop, rehearse, or analyze plans)

FEMA Region X applied for the National level Exercise (NLE) in April 2018, however the NLE designation/decision has not yet been made by FEMA.

FEMA Remarks: Michael O’Hare

FEMA is focusing its budget on fires, earthquakes and floods. The proposed budget has made it through the House of Appropriations. There should be no reduction in the grants, some may see an increase. Michael noted that they are ready to support FMAG as necessary. Continuing with Earthquake Preparedness. “Every day is Earthquake Season.” CR22 will be national level. They will be required to support state directors.

FEMA Integration Teams (FIT): Regions put together teams to integrate and assist states to close gaps and be subject matter expert support. There will be four positions at the state; three Operations Planners and one Preparedness Specialist, who would be the team lead. (Justin Fordice has accepted this position). Two teams are already in place in the region (Oregon and Idaho). Washington is in the hiring process. Region X is leading the nation with the placement of teams. The team members will be able to work as FEMA Liaisons during a disaster.

State Legislative Update Robert Ezelle for Nancy Bickford

For more information, refer to presentation on website or click here.

**Governmental Continuity (ongoing cost):** $236,000 of General Fund-State to implement the provisions of Substitute Senate Bill 5012 (governmental continuity).

**Natural Disaster Mitigation (one-time cost):** $103,000 of General Fund-State to implement the provisions of Substitute Senate Bill 5106 (natural disaster mitigation).

**Enhanced 9-1-1/ Next Generation:** $9,975,000 to enable the agency to finish the transition of and operate the new network, which will be more resilient and provide advanced capabilities including text to 911, improved location accuracy, and the ability to transmit data and video. (Note that this was funded through the IT Pool, so this funding is in addition to our appropriation you see in the bill.)
E911 Study (one-time cost): $100,000 of Enhanced 911 Account-State for a report on the state and local costs to operate the 911 system and to identify cost savings and potential efficiencies.

Tsunami Sirens for Coastal Cities (one-time cost): $928,000 of General Fund State to procure and install 16 all-hazard alert broadcast (AHAB) sirens to increase inundation zone coverage. AHAB sirens will alert individuals of an impending tsunami or other disaster within a 1.5-mile radius.

ShakeAlert Monitoring Stations (one-time cost): $1,000,000 of General Fund-State for the procurement and installation of seismic monitoring stations and global navigation satellite systems that integrate with the early warning system known as ShakeAlert.

ShakeAlert Public Outreach (one-time cost): $240,000 of General Fund-State to support an education and public outreach program in advance of the new early earthquake warning system known as "ShakeAlert."

National Guard Scholarships (ongoing cost): $1,050,000 of General Fund-State for scholarships for members of the Washington National Guard under the Washington State National Guard Conditional Scholarship Program in Chapter 28B.103 RCW. Though our agency request legislation did not pass, this funding increases the existing National Guard conditional scholarship program to $625,000 per fiscal year.

Disaster Response Account (custom cost): $118,215,000 ($21,198 DRA-State and $97,017 DRA-Federal) is provided to continue recovery efforts for seven open presidentially-declared disasters, including completion of ongoing state, local, and tribal infrastructure projects.

Other Fund Adjustments (ongoing cost): Expenditure authority is shifted from the Worker and Community Right-to-Know Account-State to the Disaster Response Account-State to reflect available fund balance.

Hazardous Materials Program (ongoing cost): $1,040,000 of the Oil Spill Prevention Account to continue assisting local emergency planning committees with hazardous materials plans that meet minimum federal requirements.

Presentations

[Presentations were sent via email to EMC members prior to meeting and posted on mil.wa.gov website following meeting.]

- iCOOP presentation: Mark Doenges
  - Meeting dates and membership will be sent to EMC members.
  - They are currently reviewing the existing charter and evaluating priorities.
  - Sue Vezeau is now POC for Military Department, replacing Alysha Kaplan.

- Cascadia Rising 2022: Serena Segura

- SCipt: Critical Infrastructure Planning for Cascadia Subduction Zone: Michael Roberson
  - With Tristan Allen moving to Dept. of Commerce, there has been discussion on combining the Critical Infrastructure Resilience Subcommittee (IRSC) with the SCipt.

- FY2019 Grant Update: Sierra Wardell
  - The award announcement should be received no later than Sept. 30, 2019.

Written Committee – Task Force Reports Review

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- The SERC met prior to the LEPC/Tribal Conference in Leavenworth, WA on April 30, 2019. Agenda items and discussions were focused on the CBRNE Study update, Ecology and Environmental gave a presentation on what has been developed so far. Chandra Fox presented on an overview of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).
- New Business discussed was an analysis of HB 1169, which makes the responsible party’s insurance liable for costs associated with a hazmat incident to cover local fire districts and special-purpose districts. Update: This did not pass legislation. Discussions were centered around Article 23 of the Water Infrastructure Act’s amendment that effects community water systems at the LEPC level. DOH and ECY are working together to outline the LEPC contacts and local health districts.
- The SERC voted to use unspent/excess funds to send 12 LEPC members to the Continuing Challenge Conference is Sacramento, Sept. 24-27, 2019, order 5,000 informational brochures, specific to hazmat and SERC for LEPCs, and provide two 40-hour HAZWOPER courses.
The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2019 in Stevenson, WA at the start of the WSEMA Conference.

**Seismic Safety (SS)**

**Washington State Legislative Session**

- This past Washington State legislative session there was significant activity and interest in geological hazard bills funding requests. The Legislature funded in the Operating budget:
  - $1,000,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021 provided for the Military Department to procure and install seismic monitoring stations and global navigation satellite systems that integrate with the early warning system known as ShakeAlert.
  - $240,000 for 2020 - 2021 for the Military Department to support an education and public outreach program in advance of the new early earthquake warning system known as ShakeAlert.
  - $928,000 for 2020-2021 for the Military Department to procure and install sixteen all-hazard alert broadcast sirens to increase inundation zone coverage to alert individuals of an impending tsunami or other disaster.
  - $220,000 for fiscal year 2020 - 2021 for the DNR-Washington Geological Survey (WGS) to conduct post wildfire landslide hazard assessments and reports.

- In the Capital budget:
  - $2,200,000 for 2020-2021 for DNR WGS for the continuation of the School Seismic Safety Assessment project.

- Some of the relevant seismic hazard’s bills passed last session are:
  - SB 5106 that creates a workgroup to study and make recommendations on resiliency activities for natural hazards such as floods, landslides, wildfires, earthquakes as well as other natural disasters. The workgroup will be led by Office of the Insurance Commissioner. The workgroup will consist of legislative members as well as a member of the Governor’s Resilient Washington workgroup, representatives from the association of counties, association of cites, state building code council, DNR, Military Dept., OSPI, DOT, Ecology, Commerce, WABO, Building Industry Association, property and casualty insurance, emergency and transitional housing providers, PUDs, water and sewer districts, African-American affairs, Hispanic affairs, Indian affairs, Asian Pacific American affairs, Dept. of Agriculture, state Conservation Commission, a federally recognized Indian tribe with a reservation east of the crest Cascades, a federally recognized Indian tribe with a reservation west of the crest Cascades, and other state agency representatives or stakeholder group representatives, at the discretion of the work group, for the purpose of participating in specific topic discussions or subcommittees.
  - SHB 1216 which requires for schools to have pedestrian evacuation drill for schools mapped in lahar or tsunami hazard zones and made it mandatory to have an earthquake drill.

**Federal Legislative Updates**

- At the federal level of government, several geo-hazard bills have passed this year or made significant progress:
  - The National Landslide Preparedness Act H.R. 1261 passed the House and is now in the Senate. The bill would help federal and state agencies to identify, map, assess and research landslide hazards, and respond to landslide events. The bills attempt to codify the 3D Elevation Program (LIDAR and IFSAR) to provide 3D elevation data coverage for the United States.
  - The National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program (NEHRP) was reauthorized and signed into law.
  - The National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System to monitor, issue warnings, and protect U.S. citizens from undue and avoidable harm from volcanic activity was signed into law.

**Other DNR-Washington Geological Survey updates**

- DNR WGS has hired a full-time tsunami modeler with the intent of doing tsunami inundation modeling and mapping of our entire coastline.
The ongoing DNR WGS School Seismic Safety Project (SSSP) for 2019 is about complete and the report will be issued at the end of June. The SSSP is in the first phase of a statewide effort to systematically evaluate Washington school buildings for seismic performance. The project involves both geological and engineering assessments. A total of 222 school buildings across the State were selected for this initial phase of the project. An RFQ will be issued sometime this summer to start the next phase of the project.

Next Seismic Safety Meeting

August 30, 2019 is the next scheduled SSC meeting in Olympia at the Natural Resources Bldg. room 172 from 10am to 2pm.

Emergency Management Advisory Group (EMAG)

EMAG met on May 17, 2019 and discussed:

- Results of the 2019 Legislative Session
- State Auditor's Office EM Performance Audit
- Review/update RCW 38.52 and WAC 118
  - Most timely and required update is WAC 118-09-040

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 17, 2019.

Inclusion and Equity Subcommittee (IES)

- The Inclusion & Equity Subcommittee has been unable to meet since the start of the year due to multiple activations for DOH (including running more than one IMT at time.), in response to the measles outbreak.
- The next meeting date has not been determined.

New Business

1. EMC Positions

It was found that there are redundant positions on the EMC, for example WSP and Fire Marshal’s Office. Would like to consolidate the two WSP represented positions and create an eastside/westside representative for Local Emergency Manager position.

The EMC is limited to 17 positions. Would like to bring this back to the agenda after more research has been done. Kim Mask will go back to research minutes about prior discussions of why WSP and SFMO are each represented.

Because of the positions given to OSPI by this year’s legislation, the EMC will need to increase to 18 positions. Should have a discussion on adding other positions to address the needs of the committee.

2. Disbandment of IRSC

This would be a redundant meeting with the same partners that are currently on the SCIPT and the regional and federal stage. If the choice is made to disband the subcommittee, updates can be given from the regional meeting.

**MOTION:** Kirk Holmes made a motion to disband the IRSC. Dave Norman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed. The IRSC has been disbanded.

3. SCIPT Subcommittee

The chair of the EMC requested to add the SCIPT as a subcommittee of the EMC, to include reporting updates at each EMC meeting.

**MOTION:** Kirk Holmes made a motion to add the SCIPT as a subcommittee of the EMC. Brittney Miller seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed. The SCIPT will be added as a subcommittee to the EMC and expected to report updates at each meeting.

4. WAMAS Revision
There is a system in place, training continues to be done. The necessity of the WAMAS meeting was due to the creation of the subcommittee. Moving forward, it was suggested that the RCW be revised to disband the WAMAS. Discussion: Could move it to the EMAG’s agenda. Updates would be made by EMAG.

**MOTION:** Greg Welch mad a motion to revise RCW requirement of WAMAS and remove as a subcommittee. Assign any work that would need to be completed by WAMAS to EMAG. The motion was seconded by JoAnn Boggs. The motion was unanimously passed. The RCW will be revised and WAMAS subcommittee disbanded. Work will be shifted to EMAG.

5. **WAC Revision 118-30**

This work could be done through the EMAG workplans. Would like to possibly remove requirement to provide program papers. This continues to be an awareness issue. Continue to discussion at a later meeting.

6. **Bi-Monthly Meeting**

The chair discussed meeting more often than the quarterly meetings that are being done now. It seems the committee is not able to keep up with all that is happening. There is the possibility of doing virtual meetings in between the currently scheduled quarterly meetings. Michael Loehr suggested that the committee develop two types of meetings. One to discuss updates and the other to discuss policy. Updates would take place during webinars and the policy discussion would be conducted at in-person meetings.

Most importantly, the agenda needs to be worthwhile and meaningful. This will continue to be discussed at later meetings.

7. **Executive Workgroup**

Previously, the workgroup worked with the chair to develop the meeting agenda. The workgroup was never officially finalized by the EMC. It has been used in the past to update the charter. Greg Welsh proposed to defer to the chair of the EMC to create and sunset as needed for special projects.

8. **SERC Chair and Vice-Chair Appointments**

The SERC chair is an appointment by the EMC. The SERC Charter and WAC that notates this will be sent out prior to the next meeting for more discussion.

9. **SERC Charter Discussion**

Would like to see reports on hazmat spills. The EMC is requesting the SERC include a spills report at each meeting.

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**Good of the Order**

Members with suggested agenda items should send them to Kim Mask.

Dave Norman thanked EMD and the Military Department for a successful legislative session.

There will be a national conference in Seattle for American Public Works Association. Many of the sessions will be focusing on preparedness and Fire and Flood discussions.

**Adjournment**

This meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM.

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**2019 Meeting Schedule - Location**

September 5, 2019 – Building 91; Camp Murray

November 7, 2019 – Building 91; Camp Murray (SAC Requirement)

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