Introduction & Background

Meeting was attended by approximately 50 individuals from both the public and private sector. See previous quarter’s notes for IRSC background.

Update on Resilient WA Subcabinet

In November 2016, Governor Inslee directed state agencies to address 5 recommendations from the 2012 Resilient WA Report and 2 directives from the Cascadia Rising After Action Report. In response to this directive, WA Emergency Management is facilitating a Resilient WA Subcabinet including workgroups relating to critical transportation, energy resilience, and bulk fuel distribution.

The workgroups have meet several times January-April and are providing a briefing on current efforts and gaps/barriers to the Governor on May 3. The workgroups will then develop short and long-term implementation plans to be included in a report prior to June 30, 2017.

Statewide Infrastructure Planning Efforts

See previous quarter’s notes for Infrastructure Planning background.
Update on state infrastructure planning efforts:

- Washington Emergency Management Division recently hired a new Catastrophic Incident Planner and intends to update its infrastructure planning by creating 4 infrastructure lifeline appendices (Energy, Transportation, Communication & Water/Wastewater) to attach to the Catastrophic Incident Annex of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). These appendices will rely on the foundation of work occurring in the Resilient WA Subcabinet and will leverage the expertise present in the IRSC to provide direction.

- Washington Emergency Management Division will be updating the IRSC on Infrastructure Systems content for the State Preparedness Report (SPR) and the forthcoming Washington Restoration Framework (WRF). The SPR acts as a guide for preparedness funding from the federal government while the WRF will provide a framework to guide recovery activities in the state.

- The Department of Homeland Security launched is Regional Resilience Assessment Program (RRAP) focused on transportation infrastructure in Western Washington following a catastrophic earthquake. This program will be 3 years and will examine all transportation domains (air, sea, rail, road) and will seek to provide a comprehensive report covering the overall resilience of these critical transportation systems.

Updates on local infrastructure planning efforts were provided by:

- King County’s Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee
- Spokane County’s Regional Consortium Coordinating Committee (RC3).

Information Sharing for Infrastructure Resilience

In an effort to further the discussion around public-private infrastructure information sharing, the group held a discussion around what emergency management information is desired by
private sector infrastructure owner/operators, and what barriers exist in sharing information between public and private entities.

- Information desired:
  - Emergency transportation information
  - Public response goals (to compare commonalities)
  - Resource request lists
  - Essential Elements of Information (EEIs) sought by response organizations
  - Logistics Updates
  - Emergency communication standards and methods
  - Data workflows and cyber security

- Barriers to information sharing:
  - Public disclosure laws (inappropriate disclosure of private sector information)
  - Security issues that reveal vulnerabilities
  - Exclusion from effected area due to ongoing response operations
  - Radio frequencies whose disclosure are prevented by regulation
  - Competing priorities

Washington Emergency Management Division will use the above input to create a list of information categories for incorporating private sector access to WebEOC and WISE software tools utilized in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). The Washington Emergency Management Division will also work with its emergency management agency partners to determine a draft list of Essential Elements of Information (EEIs) desired from owner/operators of each of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors. This information will feed the creation of procedures for private sector access to WebEOC and WISE.

**Infrastructure Prioritization Survey**

A list of survey questions was shared with the group and was emailed out to IRSC members for review. These questions will be the content of a survey that will be built into the Washington Information Sharing Environment (WISE) which is a GIS tool used by the Emergency Management Division.

**Setting Priorities for Next Quarter**

The next IRSC meeting will be July 18, 2017. The default location will be Camp Murray, WA, however the Washington Emergency Management Division is accepting offers from any IRSC member to host the meeting.

The meeting will provide a Washington State Fusion Center Threat Briefing, updates from federal, state and local infrastructure planners, and will include a review and discussion of the information sharing protocols and infrastructure prioritization survey prototype.
It was suggested that a steering committee be formed for the IRSC around lifeline sector owner operators. This group could meet once a quarter, potentially virtually, to provide guidance and direction to the broader IRSC effort. Washington Emergency Management Division has taken this suggestion under advisement and will explore the creation of this lifeline steering committee.