



OSSPAC MINUTES November 09, 2021

The virtual meeting was called to order at 9 am.

OSSPAC Members Present:

<i>Tiffany Brown, Chair</i>	<i>Local Government Stakeholder</i>
<i>Trent Nagle, Vice Chair</i>	<i>Structural Engineer Stakeholder</i>
<i>David Gomberg</i>	<i>Representative Legislative Assembly</i>
<i>Bonnie Magura</i>	<i>Schools Stakeholder</i>
<i>Joe Karney</i>	<i>Utilities Stakeholder</i>
<i>Ed MacMullan</i>	<i>Banking Stakeholder</i>
<i>Susan Romanski</i>	<i>Public Member</i>
<i>Katie Young</i>	<i>Public Member</i>
<i>Elizabeth Safran</i>	<i>Public Member</i>
<i>Christina LeClerc</i>	<i>State agency: ODOT</i>
<i>Althea Rizzo</i>	<i>State agency: OEM</i>
<i>Aeron Teverbaugh</i>	<i>State Agency: DCBS</i>
<i>Bob Houston</i>	<i>State Agency: DOGAMI</i>

OSSPAC Members Absent:

<i>Lesley Ogden</i>	<i>First Responder Stakeholder</i>
<i>Walt McMonies</i>	<i>Multi-Family Housing Stakeholder</i>
<i>Adam Pushkas</i>	<i>Building Owners Stakeholder</i>
<i>Matt Crall</i>	<i>State agency: DLCD</i>

Others in Attendance:

<i>Michael Dembrow</i>	<i>Senator</i>
<i>James Bela</i>	<i>Citizen</i>
<i>Pamela Reber</i>	<i>DLCD</i>
<i>Ed Flick</i>	<i>ODHS</i>

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a/b. Welcome and Introductions

Brown opened the meeting with roll call and led introductions.

c. Review and Approval of Minutes from September meeting

Minutes were approved by motion, as written.

d. Events Notification

Gomberg announced a short legislative session will be held soon.

e. New Business

- Annual report: Brown, Nagele and Romanski will work on 2021 annual report
- [Website](#) update: Brown has been making update; let her know if there are more website needs
- Adding chair report to agenda
- Adding agenda summary report
 - Romanski approved: liked the format and appreciated the information ahead of the meeting
 - MacMullan approved: liked the summaries and the attachments
 - Karney approved: Likes the information and feels more prepared for meeting

f. Location for Next Meeting

- January meeting will be virtual. Will explore hybrid meetings once we are holding in-person meetings but will continue virtual meetings until we can guarantee good technology.

2. REPORTS

a. State Agency

ODOT: *LeClerc said they are working their way through implications of vaccine mandate. This includes availability of truck drivers and parts. Ensure you have plans and be flexible this winter. Issuing more public info announcements soon. With the passing of the infrastructure bill, ODOT is looking at possible projects from the federal money.*

DCBS: *Teverbaugh discussed the building and structural codes adoption process. The Oregon structural specialty code is being reviewed. There is a Tsunami design discussion on 12/15 at 9am. This meeting is for public hearing and will begin rule-making hearings for tsunami standards. The draft rules are available now for review.*

Draft rules: <https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/laws-rules/Documents/20211215-hb2605-tsunami-ph.pdf>

OEM: *Rizzo announced that the Be 2 Weeks Ready will be launching in October 2022 leading up to the 2023 exercise called the Great Oregon Camp In where we will be going without power, water and internet for a weekend. The Great Shakeout is scheduled for the third Thursday in October 2023 and the Great Oregon Camp In will happen that weekend.*

Also working on material regarding managing tsunami debris. This is how to do the scientific modeling to understand the amount and type of tsunami debris. A guidebook and storymap will be published in September

2022 funded by a grant through NTHMP. This information will complement debris management and recovery plans, not replace them.

Third, working on a seismic retrofit project, a community outreach program, with a kickoff in late spring/early summer to encourage people to include earthquake retrofits, especially while working on remodeling projects.

DOGAMI: *See Update below*

Gomberg: Deadline for proposed legislation for 2022 is coming up in 10 days. Proposing a bill that came from report by DOGAMI

b. State Resilience Officer

No update

c. Chair

a. Structural Certification Meeting Update

Brown attended the structural certification meeting with lobbyists and bricklayers' association president. Contacted by sponsors of House bill 3121 which is an effort to certify masonry construction work for new construction (not retro-fitting). Building the bill into a legislative concept with defined curriculum and certification requirements. There are currently 200 masonry workers in Oregon so a barrier could be a cost benefit analysis. Fireproofers attended the meeting as well. They proposed bills that did not proceed and wanted to be at the table to see how these types of bills moved forward. There are no bills in other states that address certifying masonry workers to create seismically safe structures, but two states have similar bills with respect to fireproofing. Brown added that she'd attended a grant information meeting for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) where the focus of the presentation had to do with using the funding for building code projects.

Rizzo suggested it might be better to approach the cost benefit analyst to discuss the number of people who will benefit from the work vs the number of contractors. Nagele clarified that the bill is for new builds, not URM's.

b. Workgroup Update

In September, a workgroup convened. Some of the takeaways included

- Reviewing reports and notes from the last 5 years and narrow to information to 5-7 areas of concentration*
- Reviewed what has worked well that last couple years (e.g. delegating tasks, assigning bills to certain stakeholders)*

Romanksi wants to focus on what OSSPAC has worked on and make sure it is making an impact. Remember the resilience plan throughout the planning process.

Nagele suggests following up with areas OSSPAC can be effective (e.g., testimony or letters) to remove roadblocks.

Safran brought up the discussion of audiences of OSSPAC work It may not always be obvious who the audience is. Expand thinking regarding who would use this work and how it could be used. Focus on establishing/ investing in relationships.

Magura suggests OSSPAC looks at where they have been and what they can do now, but also look forward and identify long-term projects and how they fit in the larger scope.

3. Topic: Proposed Bill

Rep. Gomberg Proposed legislation based on DOGAMI report which states that coastal hospitals have only 3 days of water and fuel. Gomberg wants to make funding available to hospitals if they want to make changes and add more emergency water and fuel. Deadline for proposed legislation for 2022 is coming up in 10 days.

4. Topic: Proposed legislation regarding the CEI Hub

Senator Dembrow is planning on bringing back Senate Bill 95 as one of his two personal bills. This bill came from a report given at the Portland City Club. The CEI Hub is next to the Willamette River and houses all refined fuel that comes into the state. OSSPAC is interested in lending support to this bill. Bill was held until report was completed but now the report is complete and the bill is ready to be moved forward with OSSPAC report findings. There may be infrastructure funding available (although the cost will have to be shared) for this project so this is a good time to present this bill. Wang used to work for DOGAMI and may be a good resource for background and bill support.

The Senate Bill 95 will require facility owners to perform vulnerability assessments under the direction of Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), specifically, DEQ would create a program for facilities to do a self-assessment. Open to advice from OSSPAC.

Brown discussed that identifying hazards and assessing them is the first step when faced with an overwhelming event like a Cascadia earthquake. Conversations regarding hazard mitigation is a great place to begin mitigation planning for the CEI Hub.

Dembrow said it was helpful to get this new and somewhat controversial bill in front of the public and this project may take some time to complete. OSSPAC is willing to have a representative at the legislative session to support Senate Bill 95. Tribal partners are also interested in this issue as it affects the river system.

This virtual meeting is next week. Link to meeting is in the agenda attached below.

Links:

Oregon Legislature virtual meeting

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021I1/Committees/SEE/2021-11-16-08-00/Agenda>

OSSPAC Hub report published December 2019

https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Documents/OSSPAC_CEI-Hub_report_122019.pdf

Senate Bill 95

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/SB9>

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5. Topic: DOGAMI UPDATE

Houston gave an update on the results of the last legislative session and House bill 5010. 4 vacant positions were cut- 3 geologists and 1 office specialist. DOGAMI received some general fund dollars, which accounts for about 1/3 of their funding stream. The rest comes from fees on permits for mining and grants (including federal grants). The general funds will be used for things like funding matches. There was a motion to separate the regulatory and science arms and put them under other agencies. It was decided that everything would stay under DOGAMI.

The director of DOGAMI retired in August. They are in the middle of recruiting a new director. Will either make an offer by 12/10 or will reopen the position.

The agency is well-balanced to pursue landslide investigation, geological mapping, multi-hazard assessment, etc. There is an earthquake scientist on the team but they do not currently have their own funding to do their own research such as trenching.

Brown asked if they are utilizing a grants coordinator to help secure grant funding. Houston responded that each scientist is using personal relationships to secure grants and the boots on the ground are writing the grant applications instead of a coordinator who is one step removed from the work.

Magura asked about DOGAMI's strategy moving forward. Houston said they need to ask important questions such as what does the state need? What gaps need to be filled? As DOGAMI provides the scientific research, which agency would be best to respond to the information? Going forward, they want to avoid agency scope creep. DOGAMI can supply information to help the state set resiliency and mitigation priorities.

Gomberg announced that we are focusing on the transition of leadership in DOGAMI and, moving forward, how we can address management concerns and build confidence with the legislative body.

The discussion of DOGAMI'S strategic plan may not be a discussion that OSSPAC needs to be involved with but suggests finding a more stable funding structure.

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5. Topic: Mass Care Team Update

*** see slide deck attached***

Flick presented the current work of the Mass Care Team and plans going forward. Grounding their work in equity and using their guiding principles, they work with the community to ensure a quick response to disasters.

Oregon is currently not prepared to provide mass care and mass displacement services for its residents and visitors following a Cascadia earthquake and tsunami. We need to invest in community and human services during blue sky times so we are ready in an emergency. We also need to simplify the process and access to resources.

Mass care is trying to reduce the impact of disasters on people and requires the support from other Capabilities. Areas of improvement in Oregon's mass care function came from the 2020 wildfires. Recommendations for improvement include stronger communications, a common operational picture, and equity in outreach.

Flick reviewed the current work performed by ODHS to strengthen mass care capabilities. This work includes making investments in technical system, improving the mass care common operating picture and strengthening/building partnerships. They are also reviewing the recent transportation assessment in the Regional Resilience Assessment Project (RRAP) presented by Harryman. From this information, they are creating evacuation assembly points to get people the help they need as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Utilizing the Regional Resilience Assessment Project (RRAP) findings presented by Harryman, ODHS is creating evacuation assembly points to get people the help they need as quickly and efficiently as possible. They are also starting an exercise series to develop the ability to perform critical tasks after Cascadia. This includes trainings for a mass evacuee support task force.

Bela suggested we focus on bottom up instead of top down when it comes to response resourcing. Flick replied they will focus on both.

Nagele asked where OSSPAC can help with ODHS' work. Flick replied that we need more research on the "islands" that will be created after the Cascadia event, especially west of I-5. There is a growing list of things we will need to be able to do and there will be a financial ask as we really get moving on this.

7. Public Comment

****Add any public comments emailed.****

Administrative:

- *Gehret will get meetings minutes to Brown within 48 hours of meeting. Brown will get minutes to members within a week.*
- *Rizzo has a recording of the meeting and will work with Gehret to get these online.*
- *Brown, Rizzo and Gehret will create a timeline going forward for agenda requests, website updates, meeting minutes and meeting dates.*

Adjournment 11:45 a.m.