

**DRAFT Minutes of the
Thursday, July 18, 2024 meeting of the
State Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team (State IHMT)**

Meeting location: This meeting was conducted remotely.

1) Welcome

Jon Wiebe, Oregon Dept. of Emergency Management, opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m., welcoming everyone to the regular quarterly meeting of the State IHMT.

2) Introductions

Joseph facilitated introductions using the Zoom meeting chat.

The following 35 people participated in the meeting:

State Resilience Officer (SRO)	Jonna Papaefthimiou
Oregon Climate Change Research Institute (OCCRI)	Erica Fleishman
Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience (OPDR)	Michael Howard
Building Codes Division (BCD)	Warren Jackson
Business Oregon	Gloria Zacharias
Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE)	Hannah Satein
Division of Financial Regulation (DFR)	Karla Martinez
	Charles Wentz
Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)	Christina Appleby
Oregon Health Authority (OHA)	Candy Cates
Dept. of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)	Matt Crall
	Rhiannon Bezore
	Gianna Allesi
	Trisha Patterson
	Chris Shirley
	Cynthia Smidt
	Deanna Wright
	Ashley Edwards
	Rachel Six
	Marian Lahav
Oregon Dept. of Emergency Management	Jon Wiebe, Acting Chair
	Kail Daniel
	Hannah Fattor
	Bridget Good
	Garrett Reeves
	Kate Strohecker
	Ross Ziesmer
	Joseph Murray
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)	Nancy Taylor
Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)	Chris Sutton
Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)	Nathan Beckman
Department of State Lands (DSL)	Mike De Blasi
Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC)	Lisa Gorsuch
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)	Jessica Gourley
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Paul Sclafani

3) Act on draft minutes from the April 18, 2024 meeting

Jon asked if there were any additions or changes. There were none. Hannah Fattor moved to approve as drafted, and Mike DeBlasi offered a second. The minutes were approved as drafted.

4) RiskMAP update

Hannah Fattor provided this update. See her slide deck named *RiskMAP Status Report* at the State IHMT website: <https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Councils-and-Committees/Pages/IHMT.aspx>

5) 20-year Landscape Resiliency Strategy

Nathan Beckman gave this presentation. See his slide deck named *Twenty-Year Landscape Resilience ODF* at the State IHMT website noted above.

He reported that the second Landscape Resiliency Summit occurred in November 2023. Governor Kotek was one of the speakers. There were about 100 participants. Another summit is in the planning stages.

Michael De Blasi asked about the interaction with the Department of State Lands regarding wetlands, which are a great fire break. Nathan agreed and indicated it would be great to talk with Michael one-on-one on how they can work together.

Nancy wondered how ODF will address the fact that the red shaded polygons don't match-up all that well with the prioritizations by local governments. Nathan talked about the risk assessment information that was used. Nathan noted that they will be leaning toward the prioritizations identified by local governments. Nancy asked if they will have a more coalesced map in the future? Nathan again noted local partnerships, and that ODF will be placing emphasis on the way that the local partners know the landscape and the challenges.

Candy wondered about the nexus to public health. Nathan talked about disease risk. He noted that their data is backward looking; they hope to develop more forward looking data. He then talked about wildfire smoke and the effects it has on Oregonians. He noted that more fires are moving into the Willamette Valley.

6) NFIP Report and update from Oregon Silver Jackets (the Flood Mitigation Subcommittee to the State IHMT)

Deanna first talked a bit about the 2016 Oregon BiOp,¹ noting that back in 2009 several environmental advocacy organizations sued FEMA claiming that the floodplain regulations represent a "taking" of endangered species. The courts concluded the same thing, and as a result FEMA consulted with the National Marine Fisheries Service on changes that need to

¹ In the chat, Deanna said "To track the implementation of the FEMA Bi-Op see "National Flood Insurance Program, Endangered Species Act Integration in Oregon <https://www.fema.gov/about/organization/region-10/oregon/nfip-esa-integration>, and if you wish to register for one of FEMA's upcoming webinars, the Bi-Op email address is FEMA-R10-MIT-PICM@fema.dhs.gov

be made to the floodplain regulations. Four or five reasonable and prudent actions were recommended, but no local jurisdiction has adopted them because there was no way to tie them to land use regulations.

So environmental advocacy organizations have again sued FEMA for the delays. As a result on Tuesday of this week, FEMA said it will begin enforcing “Pre-Implementation Compliance Measures,” aka, PICM.²

Deanna talked a bit about the draft EIS and model code that has been developed. She then talked about the changes in freeboard being required (two feet above) when federal money is involved in development or reconstruction occurring in the mapped floodplains.

Paul then gave a Silver Jackets report. He talked about increases in inundation mapping that is or soon will be occurring. Paul said a lot of these will be non-regulatory products. He noted a trial run they did with Benton County. He talked about the McKenzie Flood Study on track to be finished by November. He noted that USACE is also doing work to recognize the 30th anniversary of the 1996 flood.³

7) Oregon Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP) Update

Chris began this update presenting a slideshow on the risk assessment upgrade project, available at <https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Councils-and-Committees/Pages/IHMT.aspx>. She noted that they have tested the model with “pretend data,” and are now collecting the real data needed to feed the model. She and Trisha are weeding through nearly 200 indicators presented by the various SMEs. Some of the indicators have more to do with response or recovery than mitigation. Chris is likely to ask people on the meeting today to “vet” the forms on the second slide.

Marian followed, also presenting a slideshow on the Oregon NHMP update project, available at <https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Councils-and-Committees/Pages/IHMT.aspx>. She emphasized the work we need to do to examine how changes in development are changing vulnerability. She noted that four Tribes have come through the Oregon Dept. of Emergency Management for review of their NHMP updates, which creates a special relationship with respect to seeking out their input with regard to the Oregon NHMP update. She noted we are going to make the document less weighty, taking it from 1751 pages down to something more manageable.

8) Update on local-tribal mitigation work being done by DLCD, OPDR, and DOGAMI

Michael led this update on behalf of the three state agencies. A summary table is available at <https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Councils-and-Committees/Pages/IHMT.aspx>. Michael highlighted the work that the Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience (OPDR) is doing on mitigation plans and Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs). He noted that Lincoln and Clackamas County have both adopted their CWPPs. He talked about APA⁴ status for

² https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/NH/Documents/DLCD_PICM_FAQ.pdf

³ In the chat, Joseph noted, “The 1996 Flood resulted in a Presidential major disaster declaration for 27 of Oregon's 36 counties. I was the State Public Assistance Officer (PAO) on that one.”

⁴ APA is short for Approvable Pending Adoption.

NHMP updates OPDR facilitated for Polk County, Clackamas County, and the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians. He talked about work OPDR has been leading to develop a Mapleton Water District Annex to the Lane County NHMP. He then noted the work they plan to do with Marion County on evacuation planning.

Marian noted that DLCD had five NHMPs FEMA-approved during the most recent quarter: Benton, Douglas, and Tillamook counties, the city of Cottage Grove, and Linn-Benton Community College, an unusually high number.

9) Update on Non-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA)

Jon Wiebe organized his brief update around these three slides:

Legacy BRIC/FMA/PDM	BRIC/FMA 2023 Results						
25 grants (pending award/under implementation/ closeout)							
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	1,234 BRIC subapps, >30% increase over 2022, \$5.5b in federal cost share 56 competitive project selections, \$650m in federal cost share Improve alignment with NOFO priorities & qualitative criterion						

BRIC/FMA 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-applications currently are open (https://www.oregon.gov/oem/emresources/Grants/Pages/HMA.aspx)• Current deadline August 30 (subject to change)• Drop-in hour on Thursdays at 3:00pm• Pre-application alignment with NHMP and 2023 program priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IHMT Review Panel<ul style="list-style-type: none">4-5 volunteers, approximately 8-10 hours timeTraining on screening toolsIf interested contact jon.wiebe@oem.oregon.gov

Within FEMA Region Ten, Oregon had the most selections. The FEMA Regional office is trying to figure out why the region – as a whole – didn't fare very well this year. Jon mentioned looking at the reviews from FEMA to learn lessons about how to be even more successful in the future.

10) Update on Post-Disaster HMA

Kail talked from a brief slideshow available at <https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Councils-and-Committees/Pages/IHMT.aspx>

11) Public comment

There were no members of the general public participating in the meeting.

12) Other business

Jon asked for other business input from the participants, but none was offered.

13) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.