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AGENDA

Emergency Management Executive Board Meeting

May 2, 2023 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM

This will be a hybrid meeting; in-person or via WebEx (virtual)

1. Welcome	
2. Directors Report – Questions/Comments	Liz
3. Plan Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walla Walla County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) • Walla Walla County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) • Mill Creek and Walla Walla County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) 	Liz
4. Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) Grant Gap Funds	Liz
5. Columbia Generating Station FEMA Evaluated Exercise	Liz
6. Roundtable Discussion – Any Comments/Questions	All
7. Adjourn	

Next Meeting – July 18, 2023

WebEx Meeting Details:

Meeting Link

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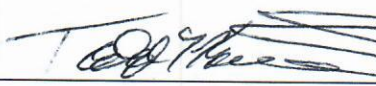




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Members	Department	Sign In
Jenny Mayberry	Chair, Walla Walla County Commissioner	
Gunner Fulmer	Walla Walla County Commissioner	
Todd Kimball	Walla Walla County Commissioner	
Jay Potts	City of Prescott, Mayor	
Randy Hinchliffe	City of Waitsburg, City Administrator	
Tom Scribner	City of Walla Walla, Mayor <i>or</i>	
Gustavo Reyna	City of Walla Walla, Mayor's Designee	
Elizabeth Chamberlain	City of Walla Walla, City Manager	
Norma Hernandez	City of College Place, Mayor	
Mike Rizzitiello	City of College, Administrator	



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Members Present:

Jenny Mayberry, Chair, Walla Walla County Commissioner

Todd Kimball, Walla Walla County Commissioner

Elizabeth Chamberlain, City Manager, City of Walla Walla

Randy Hinchliffe, City Administrator, City of Waitsburg

Emergency Management Department Present:

Liz Jessee, Director

Minutes:

Commissioner Mayberry called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

Directors Report:

Liz noted that the Directors Report had been sent out as a read-ahead document and asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board related to its content. None were noted.

Plan Status

Liz then discussed plans due in 2023. As noted in previous meeting, she stated that the Walla Walla County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and Mill Creek Watershed and Walla Walla County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) are due for revision at the end of the year. Both will expire before funds are available from FEMA to hire a contractor. An [extraordinary circumstances letter](#) will be submitted to FEMA to obtain an exception to the 5-year plan update requirements (the circumstances being the response to COVID-19). We will then have 12 months to complete the plan update once the grant funds have been received. This will enable the County jurisdictions to remain eligible for FEMA grants, including disaster recovery monies. The only exception is the [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities](#) (BRIC). County jurisdictions would be ineligible for BRIC funding regardless of extraordinary circumstances. There are no consequences for the CWPP expiring.

With respect to grant funds to update the HMP and CWPP, Liz informed everyone that she'd received word from Washington State Emergency Management Division (WAEMD) that the county's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application had been approved. The amount requested was increased by WAEMD before submitting to FEMA, from \$102,385 to \$127,385. Grants funds will be used to update the HMP and CWPP.

Liz noted that the Walla Walla County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) is also due by year end. The plan is being revised in-house with the assistance of a WAEMD planning coordinator, Kim Mask. She paid a visit to WWEM to facilitate WWEMD planning assistance and has been extremely helpful since she was here.

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (ESFEC) Grant Funds

Liz stated that she'd been able to obtain additional EFSEC funds, in the amount of \$3544, to pay for moving the fiber from the County Jail to the County Courthouse. Previously, the costs were to be split between the City of Walla Walla and Walla Walla County.

Columbia Generating Station FEMA Evaluated Exercise

WWEM will participate in an every-8-year FEMA evaluated exercise for the Columbia Generating Station located at the Hanford Site. She explained that Walla Walla County is within the [Ingestion Exposure Pathway Emergency Planning Zone](#) (EPZ). WWEM will be required to demonstrate exercising the County's radiological response plan. This involves taking protection actions, road closures (manned and unmanned), to avoid or reduce radiological exposure from eating or drinking radioactive materials. This includes a ban of contaminated food and water. This is full-scale exercise and will require extension participation by multiple agencies.

Roundtable

None

Meeting Adjourned:

Liz adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM

Next Meeting

July 18, 2023, at 2 PM.



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023

1. Meetings

- a. Attended a Radiological Issues meeting with state agencies, and counties for Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station (CGS) nuclear power plant located at the Hanford site. (03/23/23)
- b. Attended an EMS and Trauma Care Council meeting. (02/02/23)
- c. Participated in the Emergency Management and Communications Advisory Board (EMCAB) meeting. (01/12/23, 02/09/23 & 03/09/23)
- d. Participated in biweekly, then monthly, multi-jurisdictional Command Team virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) meetings hosted by Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) to facilitate situational awareness and coordinate response objectives for the COVID-19 pandemic.
- e. Participated in biweekly Communicable Disease calls facilitated by DCH.
- f. Participated in biweekly, then monthly, COVID Situational Awareness calls regional calls for the geographic area previously identified as Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEPR) Region 8. This call incorporates reporting from Hospitals, EMS and Emergency Management for Walla Walla, Benton, Franklin, and Yakima County.
- g. Participated in biweekly meetings hosted by DCH to coordinate COVID-19 response objectives and review PPE requirements/needs for staff/resident safety in Long Term Care Facilities, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Adult Care Homes.
- h. Participated in the WA State EMD Individual Assistance plan validation meeting (02/07/23)
- i. Hosted a Pacific Power community outreach meeting. Meeting answered questions about electrical grid vulnerabilities, mitigation efforts and Pacific Powers emergency response planning. (2/9/23)
- j. Conducted an Emergency Management presentation for a faith-based women's fellowship hosted by the Walla Walla Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The presentation outlined Walla Walla County hazards and emergency preparedness. (02/16/23)
- k. Participated in the Regional Resiliency Assessment Program meeting held in Pasco WA. The discussion was about fuel infrastructure and resiliency in WA State, east of the Cascades, with focus on a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. (02/02/23)
- l. Participated in Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meetings hosted by Columbia County. WWEM is working to form an LEPC partnership with Columbia County. (02/09/23 & 03/30/23)

- m. Hosted Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Steering Committee meeting to complete required periodic review of the CWPP. (02/24/23 & 03/29/23)
- n. Participated in a community outreach event hosted by the Walla Walla County Conservation District for the purpose of educating and responding to questions from county residents who were affected by flooding along Yellowhawk and Cottonwood Creek. (03/15/23)
- o. Attended the City of Waitsburg Community Health and Protection Committee. (02/13/23 & 03/14/23)
- p. Participated in an assessment of the Walla Walla County Regional Airport hosted by Jennifer Skoglund, Port of Walla Walla Airport Manager. The assessment was conducted by WA State EMD Representatives to aid in planning for a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. A representative from the WA National Guard 10th Homeland Response Force (HRF) also participated in the survey. (03/20/23)
- q. Participated in the Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop, (IPPW) for Homeland Security Regions 7, 8, & 9. The purpose of this workshop was to match training and resources, wherever possible, to response gaps delineated by the 2022 Stakeholders Preparedness Review (SPR) process. (03/22/23)
- r. Participated in WA State EMD sponsored virtual meetings on developing partnership parameters for inclusion of volunteer general aviation elements as a part of a wider State and local emergency response organization. (01/31/23 & 03/28/23)
- s. Met with Kim Mask, Emergency Planning Program Coordinator | Preparedness Section, WA State Emergency Management to discuss completion of the county's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) update which is due at year end. There is added complexity to the update due to reformatting, requirements for identification of Core Capabilities, addressing legislated Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requirements, and other changes. (03/27/23)

2. Training

Title Scope/Purpose	Sponsor	Date(s)
<i>Introduction to Radiological Incidents</i>	<i>US. Department of Agriculture</i>	<i>01/10/23</i>
<i>Introduction to Radiation Safety</i>	<i>US. Department of Agriculture</i>	<i>01/17/23</i>
<i>REPP-Leadership 2023 Update</i>	<i>Federal Emergency Management Agency</i>	<i>01/18/23</i>
<i>Nuclear Power Plant Incidents</i>	<i>US. Department of Agriculture</i>	<i>01/19/23</i>
<i>Nuclear Terrorism Incidents</i>	<i>US. Department of Agriculture</i>	<i>01/31/23</i>
<i>REPP-South Carolina Agricultural REPP Recovery</i>	<i>Federal Emergency Management Agency</i>	<i>02/8/23</i>
<i>REPP-Radiological Operations Support Specialist (ROSS)</i>	<i>Federal Emergency Management Agency</i>	<i>02/15/23</i>
<i>Building and supporting an animal decontamination capability</i>	<i>US. Department of Agriculture</i>	<i>02/16/23</i>

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<i>Agricultural recovery in Nuclear and Radiological Incidents</i>	<i>US. Department of Agriculture</i>	<i>02/21/23</i>
<i>REPP-Cobalt Magnet Exercise Series Overview</i>	<i>Federal Emergency Management Agency</i>	<i>02/22/23</i>
<i>FEMA Alert and Warning Technical Assistance Workshop</i>	<i>Federal Emergency Management Agency</i>	<i>03/14/23 & 03/15/23</i>
<i>Everbridge Suite Basic Message Sender Training for Incidents</i>	<i>Walla Walla County Emergency Management</i>	<i>02/23/23</i>
<i>EOC SOP review and revision for volunteer utilization during emergencies</i>	<i>Walla Walla County Emergency Management</i>	<i>03/01/23 – 03/31/23</i>

3. Public Education and Information

- a. WWEM maintains a strong presence on social media with a Facebook page and a Twitter account. Information about emergency preparedness is shared daily. These social media outlets serve as an important source for disseminating accurate and timely information during emergencies.
- b. WWEM maintains and updates the Walla Walla County Emergency Management website.

4. Alert and Notification

The Everbridge Emergency Notification System (ENS) was deployed to conduct weekly Emergency Alert System (EAS) tests and monthly Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) tests.

4. Drills and Exercises

Participated in the annual Coordinated Response Exercise (CoRE) Program pipeline presentation and discussion-based exercise. (03/9/23)

6. Emergency Facilities and Equipment

Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) conducted testing and maintenance of the Emergency Management Amateur Radio Station. (01/10/23 & 03/21/23)

7. Administration (Planning & Logistics)

- a. Continued management of grant deliverables in support of the Interlocal Agreement between WWEM and Walla Walla County Fire District 4 to complete the scope of work described in the Mill Creek Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Fuels Reduction Hazard Mitigation Grant.
- b. Continuing with Everbridge onboarding after contract renewal. Current focus is on new system updates and adaptation of current message processing to incorporate the new English to Spanish language translation messaging to meet Washington State RCW 38.52.

- c. Monitored results of applications for grant opportunities to fund update of the Walla Walla County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and Mill Creek and Walla Walla County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). Awaiting approval (these are competitive grants, so funding is uncertain):
- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to hire a contractor and cover other expenses for update of the Walla Walla County Hazard Mitigation Plan and Community Wildfire Protection Plan (combined project), in the amount of \$102,385. *04/06/23 Update: Received notification from WA State Emergency Management that they had approved the application and would be submitting it to FEMA for finalization. Before submitting, and after discussion with WA State Emergency Management, the amount of the application was increased to \$133,754, primarily to allow for increased contractor costs. FEMA has indicated that they will be expediting the processing of the contract.*
 - USDA Wildfire Defense Grant for update of Community Wildfire Protection Plan, \$42,601. *03/28/23 Update: received notification from WSDA - U.S. Forest Service that application was not approved.*