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AGENDA

Emergency Management Executive Board Meeting January 17, 2023 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM

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

1. Welcome	
2. Directors Report	Liz
3. Roundtable Discussion – Any Comments/Questions	All
4. Adjourn	

Next Meeting – April 18, 2023

WebEx Meeting Details:

Meeting Link

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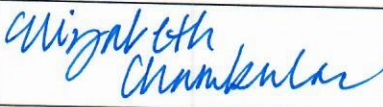


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Members	Department	Sign In
Jenny Mayberry	Chair, Walla Walla County Commissioner	Excused
Gunner Fulmar	Walla Walla County Commissioner	Excused
Todd Kimball	Walla Walla County Commissioner	Excused
Jay Potts	City of Prescott, Mayor	
Randy Hinchliffe	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, Deputy City Manager	
Norma Hernandez	City of College Place, Mayor	<i>excused.</i>
Mike Rizzitiello	City of College, Administrator	



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Members Present:

Elizabeth Chamberlain, City Manager, City of Walla Walla
Randy Hinchliffe, City Administrator, City of Waitsburg

Emergency Management Department Present:

Liz Jessee, Director
Patrick Purcell, Coordinator

Minutes:

As the Chair was unavailable, Liz Jessee called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. With only two members being present, Liz Jessee bypassed introductions and moved on to the first thing on the agenda, the Directors Report.

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. Liz then spoke briefly on completed 2022 planning and plans due in 2023. She briefed the committee on the grant applications being done to facilitate update the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). With no questions, Liz moved to the next item on the agenda.

New Business:

There was no new business during this meeting.

Old Business:

There was no old business during this meeting.

Questions Comments and Concerns:

Liz asked if there were questions, comments, or concerns for the group. There were none.

Meeting Adjourned:

Liz adjourned the meeting at 14:25

Next Meeting

May 9, 2023, @ 2 PM



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

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. (11/16/22)
- b. Attended an EMS and Trauma Care Council meeting. (10/6/22)
- c. Participated in the Emergency Management and Communications Advisory Board (EMCAB) meeting. (10/13/22, 11/10/22 & 12/7/22)
- d. Participated in the final planning meeting for the Marathon Petroleum/Andeavor Logistics tabletop exercise. (10/11/22)
- e. 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.
- f. Participated in biweekly Communicable Disease calls facilitated by DCH.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.
- i. Completed the annual Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) from State EMD. Subject specific sections of the SPR were shared with relevant community partners for their input. Information has been submitted to Washington State Emergency Management Division (WAEMD) for review and aggregation of data.
- j. Met with City of Waitsburg Community Health and Protection Committee. (11/15/22)
- k. Participated in Quad County Fire Chiefs meeting. (12/15/22)
- l. Participated in the Walla Walla County Flood Map Updates Pre-Kickoff meeting hosted by Washington State Department of Ecology. FEMA representatives joined the discussion about FEMA's Risk MAP program and how that program can fit with Walla Walla County's and the Cities' needs. Ultimately, the outcome of this process is to provide the county with updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), along with the identification of potential projects, funding, training

opportunities, and technical assistance that can help support hazard mitigation efforts. (12/20/22)

2. Training

Title Scope/Purpose	Sponsor	Date(s)
<i>WebEOC Version 9 Webinar Training</i>	<i>Washington State Emergency Management Division (WAEMD)</i>	<i>10/6/2022</i>
<i>WISE Application Training (WISE is used for mapping during the response to a radiological response)</i>	<i>WAEMD</i>	<i>11/10/2022</i>
<i>ICS 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents</i>	<i>WWCEM</i>	<i>10/17-19/2022</i>
<i>ICS 400 Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff</i>	<i>WWCEM</i>	<i>10/20-21/2022</i>
<i>Annual Cyber Awareness Training</i>	<i>Walla Walla County Technology Services</i>	<i>11/1-30/2022</i>

3. Public Education and Information

- a. WWEM maintains a 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

- a. The Everbridge Emergency Notification System (ENS) was deployed as follows:
 - To conduct weekly Emergency Alert System (EAS) tests and monthly Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) tests.
 - By DCH to alert USDA Women, Infant, Children (WIC) program participants of missed appointments and request that they call DCH to reschedule.
 - On November 4, 2022, to communicate with County residents located in flood prone areas about the possibility of Mill Creek reaching and/or exceeding Flood Stage 2. Later the system was used to notify those same areas that the warning had been canceled.
 - Used to conduct a live Emergency Alert System Notification that was carried by broadcast television and radio. This test is conducted monthly across the Columbia Basin and is carried out by a different regional partner each month. Walla Walla County is responsible for issuing the live test twice in a calendar year.

- Utilized social media channels to alert county residents to potential flooding on December 26, 2022.

5. Drills and Exercises

- a. Participated in the Franklin County CGS evaluated exercise. (10/25/22)
- b. Participated in the Marathon Petroleum/Andeavor Logistics tabletop exercise in Richland, WA. The exercise was for a worst-case scenario pipeline leak into the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers. (10/27/22)
- c. Participated/facilitated tabletop exercise with Long-Term Care (LTC) facilities, EMS, DCH, Valley Transit, WWFD 4, and the Cities of Walla Walla and College Place fire departments. The scenario was an extreme winter weather event with shelter in place and potential evacuation. (12/13/22)

6. Emergency Facilities and Equipment

Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) conducted testing and maintenance of the Emergency Management Amateur Radio Station. (10/18/22 & 11/29/22)

7. Administration (Planning & Logistics)

- a. Rewrite of the county's Radiological Emergency Response Plan to meet revised U.S. Department of Energy requirements was completed. The plan was submitted for peer review and to WAEMD for courtesy review. The plan will be sent FEMA after WAEMD has completed their review.
- b. Completed planning effort with Public Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington State Penitentiary, and others for a final draft of the updated Walla Walla County Flood Response Plan. After the final draft was reviewed and accepted by community partners it was promulgated by the Board of County Commissioners on November 21, 2022. The City of Waitsburg promulgated the plan in December 2022.
- c. Completed update of City of Waitsburg Flood Response Plan. The plan will be distributed in January 2023.
- d. Continued management of grant deliverables in support of the Interlocal Agreement for 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.
- e. Completed the RFP process for the selection of a County Emergency Notification System (ENS). After a systematic review of each proposal and its associated pricing it was decided that County Emergency Management would retain Everbridge as its ENS provider. We were able to renegotiate our contract with Everbridge to reduce the annual cost by \$5K and add a \$5K feature at no charge.
- f. StormReady application for renewal was approved by the National Weather Service. To be officially StormReady, a community must:
 - Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center
 - Have more than one way to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts and to alert the public
 - Create a system that monitors weather conditions locally
 - Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars

- Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.
- g. Met with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and public works officials for annual flood response review. (12/15/22)
- h. Applied for grant fund opportunities. Awaiting approval (these are competitive grants, so funding is uncertain):
 - FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for update of Hazard Mitigation Plan and Community Wildfire Protection Plan, \$102,385.
 - USDA Wildfire Defense Grant for update of Community Wildfire Protection Plan, \$42,601.