

FINAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

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Project: Chelan County 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Date: April 18, 2024

Location: Confluence Technology Center

RE: HMP Steering Committee Meeting #2


Attendance:

Steering Committee Member Name	Agency	Attendance
Elle Robinson	Chelan County Natural Resources Department	●
Sgt. Jason Reinfield	Chelan County Emergency Management	
Stan Smoke (A)	Chelan County Emergency Management	●
Jason Detamore	Chelan County PW/FCZD	●
Jessica Shaw	Wenatchee	●
Stephen Neuenschwand (A)	Wenatchee	
Wade Ferris	Chelan	
Maggie Boles	Leavenworth	●
Steve Croci	Cashmere	●
Mark Botello	Entiat	
Kurt Blanchard (CHAIR)	Fire District 1 (WVFR)	
Hillary Heard (A)	Fire District 1 (WVFR)	●
Brandon Asher	Chelan Fire and Rescue (FD7)	●
Shawn Sherman (A)	Chelan Fire and Rescue (FD7)	
Ryan Williams	Cascadia Conservation District	
Patrick Haggerty (A)	Cascadia Conservation District	●
Kris King	LWFR	●
Jake Hardt	DNR	●
Amy Ramsey (A)	DNR	
Jana Fischback	Sustainable NCW	●
Mandy Maxwell	Sustainable NCW	●
Ed Martinez (VICE CHAIR)	RC3	●
Jan Yalowitz (A)	RC3	
Jean-Michael Dapena	Confluence Health	
Stephen Maher	Our Valley our Future	
Bob Keller	Chumstick Coalititon	●
Richard Hyatt	Public Utility District	
Laura Cross	Citizen	●
Russ Truman	USDA Forest Service, Retired	V
Consultant Team		
Christina Wollman	Perteet	●
Sam Criner	Perteet	V
Megan Brotherton	Black & Veatch	V
Rob Flaner	Black & Veatch	
Kenzie Hartt	The Ember Alliance	V
Planning Partners and Guests		
Arnold Baker	Chelan County Fire District 5	

(V) = Virtual Attendance

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1. Welcome and Introductions
 - Vice Chair Ed Martinez called the meeting to order.
2. Public Comment
 - There were no members of the public present. Ed Martinez, vice chair, requested that documents shared be ADA compliant moving forward; Christina stated that she would make this correction.
3. Meeting Summary from March 6, 2023
 - Committee members identified corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting on March 6, 2023: change Russ Truman’s agency to “USDA Forest Service, Retired” and correct R3 to RC3.
 - Ed Martinez raised concern that he believed the minutes did not reflect what he remembered from the prior meeting about the decision of wildfire smoke.
 - Russ Truman moved to approve the minutes with these small corrections, Bob Keller seconded; the motion passed. Ed Martinez dissented because he did not agree that the meeting summary accurately reflected the discussion.
4. Plan Review
 - Confirm hazards of concern
 - The Steering Committee continued the discussion of hazards of concern.
 - In the previous meeting, the committee discuss changing severe weather to extreme temperatures. A member asked if changing it to extreme temperature would limit what could be included. After a brief discussion, it was decided, by consensus, to keep it as severe weather to address many different hazards that can impact the region, including snow, hail, etc.
 - The wildfire hazard was clarified to be wildfire and wildfire smoke.
 - The committee confirmed the following hazards for the 2024 HMP update:
 - Avalanche, dam failure, drought, earthquake, flood, landslide, severe weather, and wildfire and wildfire smoke
 - Define critical facilities
 - Christina reviewed the 2019 critical facilities definition and a suggested new definition based on community lifelines. Russ said that he liked the new definition better and felt it more clearly aligned with Emergency Management guidance.
 - There was discussion on adding in schools and community facilities to the new definition. Christina suggested adding these into the food, hydration, and shelter lifeline. In addition, it was decided to add dams to the energy and water systems lifeline.
 - There was consensus on the new definition of critical facilities, with the minor changes listed above. The critical facilities definition will read as follows:

A structure, facility or other improvement that, because of its function, service area, or uniqueness, provides service that enables the continuous operation of critical business and government functions, and is critical to human health and safety or economic security. For the purposes of this hazard mitigation plan, all Community Lifelines are defined as critical facilities:

- **Safety and Security**—*Law Enforcement/Security, Fire Service, Search and Rescue, Government Service, Community Safety*
 - **Food, Hydration, Shelter**—*Food, Hydration, Shelter, Agriculture, Public Schools, and Community Facilities*
 - **Health and Medical**—*Medical Care, Public Health, Patient Movement, Medical Supply Chain, Fatality Management*
 - **Energy**—*Power Grid, Fuel, Dams*
 - **Communications**—*Infrastructure, Responder Communications, Alerts Warnings and Messages, Finance, 911 and Dispatch*
 - **Transportation**—*Highway/Roadway/Motor Vehicle, Mass Transit, Railway, Aviation, Maritime*
 - **Hazardous Materials**—*Facilities, HAZMAT, pollutants and contaminants*
 - **Water Systems** – *Potable Water Infrastructure, Wastewater Management, Dams*
- Review and update mission statement
 - The consultant team provided a suggested revision to the mission state to include future conditions and whole community. According to FEMA, Whole Community includes:
 - Individuals and families, including those with access and functional needs
 - Businesses
 - Faith-based and community organizations
 - Nonprofit groups
 - Schools and academia
 - Media outlets
 - All levels of government, including state, local, tribal, territorial, and federal partners
 - The mission statement was adopted as follows:
To promote sound public policy designed to protect the whole community, critical facilities, infrastructure, private property and the environment from natural hazards by increasing public awareness, documenting the resources for risk reduction and loss-prevention from current and future hazard impacts, and identifying activities to guide Chelan County toward building a safer, more sustainable community.
 - Review and update current plan goals
 - The consultant team provided suggested revisions to the goals to include adding whole community and future conditions.
 - A steering committee member suggested that in the beginning of the HMP the plan should state the definition of whole community; Christina said that we will add that into the plan.
 - The goals were adopted as follows:
 1. *To Protect People and Property by making Chelan County homes, businesses, infrastructure, critical facilities, dams and their related infrastructure, and other property more resilient and resistant to losses from current and future natural hazard conditions*

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2. *To Protect the Economy by developing mechanisms that ensure commerce, trade, and essential business activities remain viable in the event of a natural disaster*
 3. *To Protect the Environment by preserving, rehabilitating, and enhancing natural systems to serve natural hazard mitigation functions*
 4. *To Strengthen Emergency Services by increasing collaboration, coordination, and capabilities among public agencies, non-profit organizations, business, and industry*
 5. *To Increase Public Awareness and Education of the whole community by providing the public information, tools, and funding resources for implementing mitigation activities to prevent future losses from natural hazards*
 6. *To Establish and Strengthen Partnerships for Implementation through coordination and collaboration of the whole community, including public agencies, citizens, non-profit organizations, businesses, tribes, and industries whose authorities and capabilities will support implementation of planning for a disaster-resistant Chelan County.*
- Define social vulnerability
 - Christina discussed the importance of defining social vulnerability and knowing who the vulnerable populations are so they can be included into the risk assessment. Christina shared a variety of social vulnerability mapping tools including:
 - SVI (Social Vulnerability Index) by the CDC. The SVI shows Chelan County having a high social vulnerability. Link: https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/interactive_map.html
 - Department of Health, Environmental Health Disparities Map. Link: <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/wtnibl/WTNIBL/>
 - Climate and Economic Screening Tool. Link: <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en>
 - There was discussion about choosing one social vulnerability map to look at to ensure consistency. Christiana suggested deciding on this at the next meeting.
 - Review objectives
 - Christina explained that objectives will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting. She will send a survey regarding the previous plan's objectives a week prior to the meeting. It is imperative for steering committee members to take this survey prior to the meeting.
5. Phase 1 Annex
 - Megan, from Black & Veatch, discussed Phase 1 annexes. She reviewed templates and instructions. Phase 1 annexes will deploy April 22, 2024 and will be due May 6, 2024. Any questions about annexes can be directed to Megan.
 6. Meeting was adjourned

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Guests:		
Name	Affiliation	Email (if not already provided)
Chelan Co Fire Dist 5	Arnold Palmer	arnold@palmersfire.org