

DRAFT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

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Project: Chelan County 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Date: May 16, 2024

Location: Confluence Technology Center

RE: HMP Steering Committee Meeting Summary #3



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	●
Consultant Team		
Christina Wollman	Perteet	●
Sam Criner	Perteet	V
Megan Brotherton	Black & Veatch	V
Rob Flaner	Black & Veatch	V
Kenzie Hartt	The Ember Alliance	
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.
3. Review Meeting Summary from April 18, 2024
 - Ed Martinez noted that the meeting summary contained broken links. The meeting summary was approved with corrections to the links.
4. Plan Review (see following pages)
 - Revisit critical facilities definition
 - After conducting research, Christina recommended modifications to critical facility definition approved during the last meeting, to correctly categorize the additional facilities that were added into the definitions.
 - A member suggested adding in irrigation systems to the critical facilities definition because it may crucial to firefighting efforts. The committee members agreed with the proposed revisions and addition of irrigation. The updated definition reads as follows:

A critical facility is any 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 FEMA Community Lifelines are defined as critical facilities:

- **Safety and Security**—Law Enforcement/Security, Fire Service, Search and Rescue, Government Service, Community Facilities, Schools, Community Safety
 - **Food, Hydration, Shelter**—Food, Hydration, Shelter, Agriculture, Irrigation Systems
 - **Health and Medical**—Medical Care, Public Health, Patient Movement, Medical Supply Chain, Fatality Management
 - **Energy**—Power Grid, Generation Systems, Dams, Fuel, Pipelines
 - **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 Infrastructure
- Revisit social vulnerability
 - Christina updated the committee on the planning team’s recommends for incorporating vulnerable populations into the Plan. The planning team recommend the planning process use the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) map to identify vulnerable populations and be utilized as a component in the overall risk assessment. This decision was approved by consensus.
 - Review objectives
 - Christina explained the difference between objectives and actions and reviewed answers from the survey taken by Steering Committee members prior to the meeting. Steering committee members discussed each objective, reviewed the survey responses, and any wordsmithing, left

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as-is, combined, or deleted objectives. After the meeting, the consultant team updated the list of which goals each objective can be applied.

- The following objectives were approved, by consensus (shown with changes from previous plan objectives):

Objective Number	Objective Statement	Goals for Which It Can Be Applied
O-1	Improve and protect early warning emergency response systems and plans.	1, 2, 3, 4
O-2	Sustain continuity of local emergency and government operations, including the operation of identified critical facilities, during and after a disaster.	1, 2, 4, 6
O-3	Provide/improve fire protection thru proactive fuels management and structural ignition resistance programs.	1, 2, 3
O-4	Seek mitigation projects that provide the highest degree of hazard protection in a cost-effective manner <u>and that will provide protection to the natural and built environments.</u>	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
O-5	Encourage and incentivize mitigation of private property through programs such as the Community Rating System, Firewise USA, and Storm Ready programs.	1, 2, 5, 6
O-6	Reduce natural hazard-related risks and vulnerability to populations, critical facilities and infrastructure within the planning area.	1, 4, 5, 6
O-7	Collect, use and share the best available data, science and technologies to improve understanding of the location and potential impacts of natural hazards, the vulnerability of building types, and community development patterns and the measures needed to protect life safety and natural and built environments.	1, 5
O-8	Seek mitigation projects that will provide protection to the natural and built environments.	3, 6
O- 89	Enhance emergency response partnership capabilities to include mitigation of vulnerable critical facilities and infrastructure.	1, 2, 4, 6
O- 910	Create and enhance partnerships among all levels of government, <u>community based organizations,</u> and the business community to coordinate mutually beneficial mitigation strategies.	1, 2, 6
O- 1011	Strengthen codes so that new construction can withstand the impacts of identified natural hazards and lessen the impact of that development on the environment's ability to absorb the impact of natural hazards.	1, 2, 3
O-11	<u>Educate the whole community on their risk exposure to hazards and ways to increase their capability to prepare, respond, recover, and mitigate the impacts of these events.</u>	1, 2, 4, 5, 6

- Plan Maintenance Strategy
 - This agenda item was not discussed and will be moved to the next meeting agenda.

5. Public Outreach

- Christina discussed how to disseminate public outreach material in the most effective way. She stated that planning partners will play an integral role in implanting an effective public outreach strategy for their respective jurisdictions, which is a requirement set by FEMA.

6. Phase 2 Annex

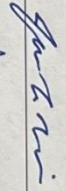
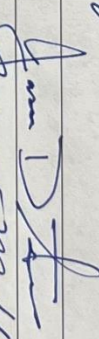
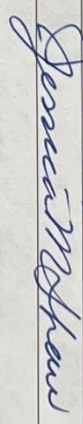

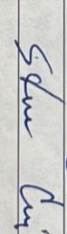
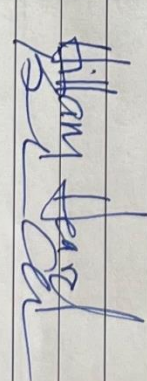
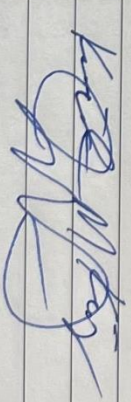
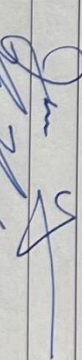


- Megan reviewed directions and templates for Phase 2 annexes. The annexes will be due Friday June 7, 2024. Megan will be hosting "office hours," where planning partners can call in with any questions they have.

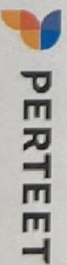
7. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10.

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Guests:

Name	Affiliation	Email (if not already provided)
<i>Arnold Baker</i>	<i>Chelan County Fire Dist 5</i>	<i>arnoldb@mansoniafire.org</i>

