

NTHMP Warning Coordination Subcommittee Meeting Notes

Thursday, February 4, 2016; 4pm-5pm

Boulder, CO

Attending co-Chairs: Althea Rizzo, Chip McCreery, and Paul Whitmore

The 2016 Warning Coordination Subcommittee meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 2 from 1pm to 5pm. Due to a snow storm on Monday and an associated partial building closure in Boulder, this meeting was cancelled and shortened to fit after the end of the MES meeting on Thursday. Only a portion of the original agenda was completed.

- Action Item Review – held during the main NTHMP meeting
 - Whitmore reviewed last year’s actions. All completed except implementation of the LAE EAS code for tsunami advisories which is ongoing.
- WCS Strategic Plan tasks
 - Rizzo reviewed progress of WCS strategic plan tasks.
- WCS Terms of Reference Update
 - WCS agreed to update the TOR adding NTHMP Administrator as member and add section regarding co-chair responsibilities regarding grant report reviews – **Action**.
- Review of September, 2015 tsunami advisory for CA and HI
 - McCreery reviewed event
 - CA survey of impacts to local EMs:
 - Should Watch have been issued?
 - Much discussion on this topic. Some felt that the Watch definition includes events like this; others felt that issuing a Watch for the entire AOR for events not likely to be upgraded is over-alerting. **Action** – consider clarifying the Tsunami Information Statement definition for events for which threat hasn’t been determined, but are not likely to lead to alerts.
 - Could more detailed information be provided earlier in event by NTWC?
 - Possibly; NTWC will look at providing pre-tsunami-observation forecasts through TWeb. Requires operationalization of TWeb. **Action** – Whitmore to provide updates to WCS on development throughout year.
 - WCS effectiveness survey:
 - Survey formerly hosted by WA EMD was lost in IT changes
 - **Action** – NTWC to re-create survey
 - **Action** – NTWC to work with state partner to host survey – Hawaii CD offered assistance.
- Products:
 - PTWC product update – skipped due to time
 - **Action** – Add NOAA Social Science study results to PTWC American Samoa, Guam/CNMI, and Hawaii products.
 - WEA - southern CA refinement process
 - NTWC provided refined polygons to NWS HQ so that WEA would only activate in area defined by polygon
 - NWS HQ needs further resources to implement polygon approach for tsunami warnings
 - **Action** – Follow-up with NWS HQ on this matter
 - Brainstorming for new graphical and mobile products
 - Shortened due to time constraints
 - Schelling recommended that NTWC consolidate WE** and SE** Tsunami Information Messages into just one header

