

**Meeting Minutes of the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program
Coordinating Committee**
August 13, 2009 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm EDT via Teleconference

Attendees:

NOAA/NWS – Jenifer Rhoades, NOAA Tsunami Program Coordinator/NTHMP
Program Administrator

NOAA/NWS – Paul Whitmore, Director, West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center

NOAA/OAR – Eddie Bernard, Director, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratories

AK - Erv Petty – Homeland Security State of AK

CA – Jim Goltz, California Office of Emergency Services

CA – Rick Wilson, California

DHS/FEMA – Mike Mahoney

OR – George Priest, DOGAMI

WA - Tim Walsh, Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources

WA – John Schelling, Washington Emergency Management

USGS – David Oppenheimer

Gulf Coast States – Juan Horillio, Texas A&M

Gulf Coast States – Charles Williams, Alabama Emergency Management

HI – Kevin Richards, Hawaii Civil Defense

PR – Christa von-Hillebrandt- Andrade, Puerto Rico Seismic Network, UPRM

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Minutes

Call to Order and Role Call

Jen Rhoades, NTHMP Program Administrator, provided the agenda for the meeting and conducted role call for meeting attendees.

Strategic Plan

The NTHMP-CC approved the latest strategic plan.

Rules of Procedure

Jen Rhoades reminded the NTHMP-CC that comments to the revised Rules of Procedure are due on Friday, August 21, 2009. Paul Whitmore highlighted the changes are significant and worthy of a thorough review by the NTHMP-CC. These changes include changes to the Annual Meeting and NTHMP-CC Budget Meeting schedules, the removal of the NTHMP-CC as an approver of grant awards, and changes to the grant process and procedures.

Status of FY09 Grant Awards

Jen Rhoades gave an update on the status of the FY09 Grant Awards. Eight of twelve grants have been officially awarded, and the remaining four awards have cleared legal review. Jen's expectation is that all of the grants will be awarded by the end of August.

FY10 Grant Applications

The NTHMP-CC approved the use of the template Jen Rhoades developed for FY10 Grant Applications. The template will need to be used by all grant applicants starting in October 2009.

Contingency Fund Request Review

The NTHMP-CC discussed the proposals submitted by NTHMP-CC members for potential funding using NTHMP Contingency Funding. The NTHMP-CC approved funding for the NTHMP Repository, and Jen Rhoades will begin to execute the plan to develop the repository.

The NTHMP-CC determined more time was needed to evaluate the remaining proposals. Jen will redistribute the proposals with the following information:

- 1) Available funding for the NTHMP Program
- 2) Information on the grant process for States that are requesting funding

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- 3) Updated MMS proposal that includes estimated costs for the Model Validation Workshop
- 4) A the criteria for reviewing the proposals (from the Rules of Procedure)

The NTHMP-CC will have two weeks from the date the above information is provided to review and provided written comments to Jen.

Jen will consolidate the comments and provide the consolidated comments to the NTHMP-CC. The NTHMP-CC will hold a telecom in September to discuss the proposals and vote on the proposals.

Closing

Jen Rhoades closed the meeting.