

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

Subcommittee Collaboration Meeting

Attendees in Room and Christa Von Hildabrand is on the Conference Call

1. Work Plan Sharing: May be inter-dependencies and collaborative work among MES, MMS, and WCS. Work plan is based on a calendar year. We will need to revisit MMS Work Plan for calendar year instead of Grant Year.

a. MES (Kevin Miller):

1) Two main activities: Social Science Project; Washington lead; effectiveness of outreach materials; how do people perceive/use evacuation maps, etc.? Grant dependency (subcommittees cannot be funded; depends on support of one of the partners; if a subcommittee endorses a project, it receives a higher priority).

2) Completing Maritime Guidance. Will concentrate on Mitigation and Recovery; will partner with the MMS. Grant Dependency.

3) Tsunami Alert, Tsunami Zone

4) Community Fact Sheet reviews to make sure of accuracy. The fact sheets were important to Panama City Florida Emergency Management

b. MMS (Marie Eble):

Components of MMS Work Plan were summarized:

1) Tsunami Source Database: Leverages USGS Powell Center resources to catalog all of the sources used for scenario modeling by partner states to develop mapping products. Seismic, landslide, and probability sources will all be included. May need representative from MES. Basic spreadsheet will be completed in Year 1; Grant dependent.

2) Maritime Guidance: A joint MMS and MES effort to establish guidance for modeling based on results of the Currents Benchmark Workshop, and to form consensus on guidance provided to the Maritime community.

3) Complete an inundation and evacuation map gap analyses: Initial outcome will be gap analysis criteria that considers methods used to generate products: 'bath tub' lines and modeling; The East Coast proposes to conduct a gap analysis; Grant dependent.

4) Complete current modeling criteria: Push to get criteria identified and documented. Chip McCreery: Int'l community would like warning centers to issue some product(s) for the maritime community.

5) Update mapping and modeling guidance: Evaluate for consistency a clarity. Guidance does not consider landslide sources.

6) Sediment transport modeling guidance: Washington State will conduct a literature review of State library holdings on sediment transport.

D. Arcas: Assumes debris transport is included in the sediment transport.

7) HAZUS guidance: Washington is lead on testing of FEMA HAZUS Tsunami module. Will host a workshop on new HAZUS modules and will write a report on the workshop. Grant dependent.

8) Landslide-triggered tsunami modeling guidance: Develop guidelines based on the results of the Landslide Benchmark workshop.

9) Meteo-tsunami modeling guidance: Under re-review to ensure guidance articulated applies to the entire community; Alaska is studying resonance phenomena; not dependent on ocean depth;

c. WCS (Chip McCreery):

1) Add layer to new PTWC Website to make sure that messages will be available if they are removed from the CISN.

2) Guam and the CNMI will use one of the Int'l scenarios in April.

3) Develop exercise handbook.

4) Implement TView operationally and provide all WCS login information

6) Make a catalog of exercise scenarios available to NTHMP partners.

7) Endorse request by American Samoa for travel funding for tsunami survey team: This would be passed around if there were no event; needs a work group to write procedures.

8) Support Web camera network among NTHMP partners: Build webcam network further; California (Rick Wilson) has the lead;

2. Tsunami Assembly Areas (Corina Forson): Some places elect not to have assembly areas. What is the definition of an assembly area? Is it the NTHMP's responsibility to provide the definition area? Oregon has definitions of "Assembly Areas" and "Evacuation Centers". Signage is good; it helps tourists.

New Task: Joint MMS-MES: Develop Tsunami Assembly Area Terminology and Guidance. Canada does not like the term "Evacuation Centers"; the country uses other terms. In kind contribution. Added to the MMS work Plan. Really a MES concern, but MMS would add to maps.

3. Prioritization of Activities (Marie Eble):

Rocky: Background: How do states and territories determine priorities? Are they satisfied with the process? The Science and Emergency Management people must talk to each other!!! There seemed to be a general satisfaction with the way the various locations set priorities and interface with partners and subcommittee members.

4. Methods of Ongoing Communications (Rocky Lopes): Collaboration Platforms: Base Camp is an online collaborative platform. It requires another log on. MES launched it in 2015; not used a whole lot; many don't know about it; FEMA is covering the cost of Base Camp; all financial assistance can only be used by states and territories; California also has a Base Camp; Base Camp will be available until August. Should be renewed. Basecamp.com; then to FEMA Region X. Let Tamra know you want to attend a scheduled webinar. Everyone does not have Google, which is an alternative.