

**Meeting Minutes of the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program
Coordinating Committee
January 28, 2010
Pasadena, CA**

Attendees:

NOAA/NWS – Vickie Nadolski, National Weather Service Deputy Assistant Administrator
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 and Environmental Laboratories
AK - Erv Petty – Homeland Security State of AK
AK – Roger Hansen – University of Alaska Fairbanks
CA – Jim Goltz, California Emergency Management Agency
CA – Rick Wilson, California Geological Survey
DHS/FEMA – Mike Mahoney
DHS/FEMA – Tamra Biasco
HI - Kevin Richards, State of Hawaii
OR - Rob Witter, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
OR – Althea Turner, Oregon Emergency Management
East Coast States – Robert Ward, Maryland Emergency Management Agency
PR - Christa G. von Hillebrandt-Andrade, Puerto Rico Seismic Network, UPR
WA - Tim Walsh, Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources
WA – John Schelling, Washington Emergency Management
USGS – David Oppenheimer
Gulf Coast States – Juan Horillo, Texas A&M
Pacific Islands – Florence Calvo, CNMI EMO
Pacific Islands – John Goeke, American Samoa Department of Homeland Security
USVI – Al Javois, Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency
CNMI - Florence Calvo, CNMI Emergency Management Office

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Minutes

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9:00 Opening remarks by Vickie Nadolski

9:10 John Schelling presented the MES-EC TsuInfo Review Results and Recommendations

- Provided a detailed presentation on the MES-EC Working Group's review of TsuInfo Newsletter.
- Review was conducted by surveying subscribers of TsuInfo.
- There are about 15 recommendations in the MES-EC Report, and the MES would like to know if the NTHMP-CC Approves this report and the implementation of the Recommendations
- A question was raised about whether the ITIC and TsuInfo Newsletters should be combined. After a discussion, the NTHMP Chair recommendation that this question not be addressed during this meeting.
- MES-EC Recommendations were accepted by the NTHMP-CC. In addition, two more recommendations were added to the list:
 - Make link on NTHMP website to TsuInfo more prominent.
 - Add search functions to all of the content information in all past issues of TsuInfo
- **Action: (MES-EC) Implement the recommendations to improve TsuInfo**

10:20 Jenifer Rhoades initiated the discussion regarding the re-authorization of P.L. 109-424.

- **Action: (Rhoades) Through NOAA Legislative Affairs, find out if Senator Inouye will sponsor TWEA again.**
- Form a committee to begin to create a list of proposed changes. This committee will have action items that will be reported back to the NTHMP-CC
 - Jen Rhoades (lead), Roger Hansen, Kevin Richards, John Schelling, and Tim Walsh, Eddie Bernard
 - This will become an agenda on all of the NTHMP-CC Teleconferences until it is passed.
 - **Action (Rhoades) – Contact NOAA Legislative Affairs regarding setting up a Hazard's Caucus for Tsunami. Determine if Sen. Inouye will sponsor.**

10:45 Jenifer Rhoades provided an overview of the MES-EC's findings on Vertical Evacuation Structures. The recommendation from the MES-EC is to not fund these structures, but would like the NTHMP-CC to make the final decision.

- NTHMP-CC decided to not support the use of NTHMP funding for the construction or engineering design of vertical evacuation structures. Anything

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exclusive of construction will be reviewed by the NTHMP-CC as part of the annual grant application process.

- **Action (Jen): Update RoP to include this exclusion.**

1:00 Jenifer Rhoades provided an overview of the NTHMP Budget for FY10. The NTHMP voted to approve the FY10 NTHMP Budget.

1:15 Jenifer Rhoades provided an overview of the items proposed for FY10 NTHMP Funding. She requested the NTHMP-CC vote on the NOAA and MES funding proposals. All other proposals (grants) will be reviewed by the independent grant review team for funding.

- NTHMP-CC approved the funding for the following items:
 - ITIC - \$191K for Update to Tsunami Teacher and Pacific Island Workshops (MES will work directly with ITIC)
 - NOAA - \$21K for 3-4 LANTEX10 Workshops
 - MES - \$250K for the hiring of a consultant to develop the NTHMP Education Plan and a company to conduct the NTHMP Baseline Assessment Survey

2:15 Paul Whitmore requested the NTHMP-CC approve the development of a plan within the WCS to develop a plan for post-tsunami surveys.

- **Action (Whitmore) – WCS will develop a plan to conduct post-tsunami surveys and present the draft plan to the NTHMP-CC for approval.**
- Volunteers to support the plan development: Paul Whitmore, Tamra Biasco, John Goeke, Kevin Richards, Jim Goltz, Rick Wilson, and Althea Turner.

3:00 Jenifer Rhoades presented the results of the NTHMP Sub-Committee Co-Chair review of the August FY08 Semi-Annual Grant Progress Reports:

- Report will be updated upon the Sub-Committee Co-Chair review of the February FY08 Semi-Annual Grant Progress Reports
- We will also be developing a Report for the FY09 Semi-Annual Grant Progress Reports
- Both will be submitted to the Independent Grant Review Panel FY09 multi-year FY10 funding decisions.

3:20 New Business

- Format of the Meetings. We will be looking into rearranging the meeting format over the next year to break up the day earlier.
 - Suggestions were to not overlap the sub-committee meetings during the Annual Meeting
- Structure travel to ensure the tickets can be issued earlier. Tickets can be purchased by individuals and do not have to be purchased by ADTRAV
- Recommendation to extend Sue McLean's MMS Co-Chair position for the period of one-year. NTHMP-CC approved the proposal

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- Recommend that a new MES State Co-Chair be selected. John Schelling was appointed by the NTHMP-CC to the NTHMP MES as a State Co-Chair
 - Action (Rhoades): Draft a letter to Tom LeBlanc thanking him for his service to the MES
- NTHMP-CC approved Vickie Nadolski's re-appointment as the NTHMP Chair.
- MMS would like to propose that NTHMP sub-committee co-chairs that are not on the NTHMP-CC attend NTHMP-CC Meetings as an observer.
 - The decision was to not support this request, but to invite individuals to the portion of a NTHMP-CC if the topic being discussed is relevant to them.
- American Samoa would like the MMS to be tasked to provide modeling/mapping guidance for areas with low-resolution data. This is a MMS task that will be addressed this year.
- NOAA will be funding a grant to study meteo-tsunamis within the next year.
- Ideas for the location of the next NTHMP-CC Meeting were discussed: Puerto Rico; Boulder, CO; and Washington, DC.

Robert Ward and Christa von Hillebrandt were thanked for their active participation in the NTHMP-CC. Both have accepted new positions and will no longer be on the NTHMP-CC.

The next NTHMP-CC Telecon will be held by early March.

Vickie Nadolski closed the meeting at 4:00 pm.