

NTHMP COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING -- January 31, 2014

Meeting held at USGS Science Center, Menlo Park, California

1. Call to order -- Aimee Devaris, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05am PT.

2. Roll call

NOAA

Ms. Aimee Devaris, NTHMP Chair & Director, NWS Alaska Region, Anchorage, AK
Ms. Marie Eble, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, Seattle, WA
Dr. Laura Kong, International Tsunami Information Center, Honolulu, HI
Dr. Rocky Lopes, Tsunami Program Deputy Mgr., NWS HQ, Silver Spring, MD
Mr. Mike Angove, Tsunami Program Manager, NWS HQ, Silver Spring, MD
Dr. Charles (Chip) McCreery, Director, Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, Ewa Beach, HI
Dr. Vasily Titov, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, Seattle, WA
Mr. Paul Whitmore, Director, National Tsunami Warning Center, Palmer, AK

FEMA

Mr. Mike Mahoney, FEMA Headquarters, Washington, DC

USGS

Ms. Stephanie Ross, USGS Menlo Park, CA
Dr. Nate Woods, USGS Portland, OR

Alaska

Mr. Erv Petty, Alaska Dept. of Homeland Security & Emergency Management
Dr. Dmitry Nicolsky, Alaska Earthquake Information Center

American Samoa

Mr. Adulbeau Lomi Akapo, American Samoa Territorial Emer. Mgmt Coordinating Office

California

Mr. Kevin Miller, California Office of Emergency Services
Mr. Rick Wilson, California Geological Survey

Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands

No representative

East Coast States

Mr. Ed Fratto, Northeast States Emergency Consortium
Dr. Jim Kirby, University of Delaware

Guam

Ms. Pilar Carbidullo, Guam Department of Homeland Security & Emer. Mgmt.

Gulf Coast States

Dr. Juan Horrillo, Texas A&M University at Galveston

Hawaii

Dr. Kwok Fai Cheung, University of Hawaii
Mr. Kevin Richards, Hawaii State Civil Defense

Oregon

Dr. Althea Rizzo, Oregon Emergency Management
Dr. George Priest, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

Pacific Islands

No representatives

Puerto Rico

Dr. Victor Huerfano, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

U.S. Virgin Islands

Gen. Elton Lewis, Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency
Mr. Roy Wattlington, Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency

Washington

Mr. John Schelling, Washington Emergency Management
Dr. Tim Walsh, Washington Dept. of Natural Resources

3. NTHMP CC Membership/appointments business

- a. [WELCOME] Officially welcome new members Roy Wattlington from USVI, Ed Fratto from NESEC for East Coast EM Rep, and Amy Godsey from Florida Division of Emergency Management as the Gulf Coast EM Representative.

NTHMP Chair Aimee Devaris welcomed Roy, Ed, and Amy.

- b. [CONFIRM] NTHMP Program Administrator as defined in Rules of Procedure.

NTHMP Chair Aimee Devaris appointed Rocky Lopes to serve as the NTHMP Program Administrator.

- c. [ACTION] Discuss Coordinating Committee membership for Pacific Islands. Consider a vote to change the RoPs on who official members to serve on the CC from the Pacific Islands will be.

Schelling: tsunami assessment makes compelling case for appointments to CC

Wilson: confirmed that assessment indicates membership for each island.

Richards: agrees

Schelling moved/Richards seconded to have NTHMP CC membership status extended to American Samoa, CNMI, and Guam.

Richards: amendment to have 1 EM rep and 1 science rep for each island

Vote: The motion as amended was approved unanimously.

Lopes advised that each island's Government must make the appointment and send a letter to Aimee Devaris via Lopes naming the EM and science representative to serve on the NTHMP.

- d. [DISCUSSION/ACTION] Subcommittee Chairs – MES.

Schelling offered slate of Laura Kong as NOAA Co-Chair; Tamra Biasco as the FEMA Co-Chair; Kevin Miller as the state Co-Chair.

Schelling: moved that the NTHMP Coordinating Committee approve this slate of Co-Chairs to serve for the next two years. Kevin Richards seconded.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

Aimee Devaris thanked John Schelling for his past four years of service as the state Co-Chair on the NTHMP Mitigation and Education subcommittee.

- e. [ACTION] Confirm frequency and schedule of NTHMP CC meetings for 2014 between now and the next Annual Meeting.

Richards: moved to keep CC meetings on same schedule as before -- every two months on third Tuesday at 3pm ET. Kevin Miller seconded.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

NTHMP CC meetings during 2014 will be on: March 18, May 20, July 15, September 16, and November 18. The following CC meeting two months later will be at the annual meeting in January or February, 2015.

4. RoP Required annual meeting business:

- a. [ACTION] NTHMP Rules of Procedure require a vote by the CC in even years to recommend a Chair of the NTHMP to the NWS Director. Reconfirm Aimee Devaris.

Schelling moved to nominate Aimee Devaris to continue in the role as NTHMP Chair. Mike Mahoney seconded.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. [DISCUSSION] Review the Strategic Plan measures and milestones to ensure progress is on track.

MMS: Rick Wilson provided a report from MMS. He read each milestone in the strategic plan and said each were on track.

WCS: Paul Whitmore stated that strategic plan measures for WCS are on track.

MES: John Schelling reported that the MES is on track but there is a need to review/update the NTHMP national education plan.

Devaris: status check to be done in six months.

Schelling: we should plan to do this at the summer meeting.

Devaris: need to articulate successes of NTHMP. Report on this progress will help tell this story.

Schelling: need to include development of guidelines for TsunamiReady supporter in process for development of updated/new TR Guidelines.

- c. [DISCUSSION] Formulate out-year priorities for the long-term vision of the NTHMP, which take into account recommendations of individual subcommittees and NTHMP members.

Devaris: concerned about number of activities due in FY14. Should there be an annual plan against the strategic plan?

Schelling: the Forward Performance Outlook provided for planning for the FY14 NTHMP grants is a valuable tool to use for planning out-year vision.

Lopes: he will take the "future" section from Forward Performance Outlook documents and consolidate that information into one document/matrix to share with NTHMP CC.

Devaris: in the future, should we have articulated guides/measurements to include in future NTHMP Grant Guidance? Think about how many milestones x-off as done and how many more remain to be completed. How to articulate more details about activities to be completed each year moving forward?

Schelling volunteered to work with Devaris on thinking through "binning of an annual framework."

Priest suggested simple metrics -- such as of each state, % evacuation plans done, % maps done, % states that have disaster drill each year; # of ports that have had training ...

Kevin Richards, Althea Rizzo, John Schelling, and Rick Wilson volunteered to work on this.

5. [DISCUSSION] NOAA Response to NAS Report - what are the broader implications for the NTHMP?

Devaris suggested that this discussion be tabled since the document was just released, people have not had adequate time to review it, and today's meeting is short. General sense of agreement to defer.

Woods asked, "what kind of broad implications to discuss?"

Devaris: are there sections in the report that can be improved, made more specific from the general?

Angove: it is valuable for us to hear from the NTHMP about what do we still need to work on?

Richards: the implications are that the NOAA response is how NOAA sees the NTHMP.

Agreement to defer discussion until the March NTHMP CC meeting.

6. [ACTION] Rules of Procedure – time for a review and update. Appoint review task team and a facilitator.

RoPs are outdated now that the budget is done differently. Time to appoint a team to update the RoPs.

Devaris appointed Wilson, Rizzo, Walsh, Titov with Lopes to facilitate. She suggested to start by identifying things that require attention.

7. [DISCUSSION] Educational repository on nthmp.tsunami.gov - what is maintenance strategy?

Lopes described that what we have now has not been updated since it was posted in 2012. He further said that the NTHMP website may be able to be moved to the main tsunami.gov site once promised access via a Content Management System is provided to him at NWS HQ. Date of when CMS access may occur is unknown.

Kong offered help to upload content on the repository if she (or ITIC) can be given access to a content management system.

Devaris asked how will content be updated? Each partner needs to identify and provide updates for it.

Lopes: to call for each state's updates for it.

8. [DISCUSSION] Tsunami Advisory/LAE matter (Rizzo) Solution to get the Tsunami Advisories to tone the alert radios but not the EAS system.

Rizzo discussed this matter during the WCS meeting this week. She hopes to have a final solution to offer at the NTHMP summer meeting. We are back to the drawing board on this matter. Issue is that a tsunami advisory does not tone alert NOAA Weather Radio, which is especially important to mariners. Rizzo explained that she has been working on this matter for about two years and thought we had a solution, but it turns out that it tone alerts only older NOAA Weather Radio, not new ones that are SAME encoded. Each state would have to go to its respective EAS commission to request approval of an LAE (local area emergency) code to be used over NOAA WR.

More on this to follow at the summer NTHMP meeting.

9. [DISCUSSION] Meteotsunami Warning (Fratto, Whitmore)

Whitmore said that this matter was discussed adequately during the WCS meeting this week. The NTWC has an internal action to work on by the end of this FY.

10. New business

Nicolisky: Good to have USGS representation on NTHMP source working group.

Woods: Stephanie Ross and I were asked to attend this week's meeting to report back to David Applegate about what type of involvement USGS should have with the NTHMP. Do you need someone from USGS in the MMS? Would you want someone to show up? Let Nate know via email (nwoods@usgs.gov) and be specific about what type of USGS representation to do what with the NTHMP is needed.

USGS is considering appointing a "tsunami coordinator" at USGS HQ.

Hope is that the USGS participation is more formal and not geographic-specific.

NTHMP members to let Angove and Lopes know needs for USGS on ongoing work so Angove can consolidate request to USGS for what their NTHMP representatives would be asked to do/help with.

Nicolisky: there is a need for landslide modeling. Looking for resources to do it better than the model they are using now. Wilson offered to help by including a landslide marigram component of a planned MMS workshop.

Devaris: Would landslide modeling meet a requirement of the MES? In other words, how does it fit into NTHMP objectives?

Titov: Landslide modeling is not a charter of NTHMP; it is a scientific project.

Rizzo: what is the TsunamiReady revised guideline process? Lopes explained that the plan for revisions of TsunamiReady Guidelines was discussed during this week's MES meeting. He provided a short synopsis of the plan and referred people to the MES meeting minutes.

Kong: is there an assumption that there will be an in-person meeting in the summer?

Devaris: yes, let's put this meeting on the agenda for the March CC meeting.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by NTHMP Chair Aimee Devaris at 10:40am.

Faithfully submitted,

Rocky Lopes
NTHMP Program Administrator