

NTHMP Mitigation & Recovery Meeting

January 30, 2018, 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Silver Cloud Hotel – Husky Room

Seattle, Washington

Meeting Facilitator: Rocky Lopes, NTHMP Administrator

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An external review of the NTHMP was conducted during 2017. A short section of the [report from this review](#) stated,

The NTHMP has mainly addressed tsunami warning, preparedness, and—to a lesser extent—mitigation, but recovery has not been a program goal. Given that the impacts of a major domestic tsunami will require strategies and plans for recovery, this area should be considered for incorporation into the NTHMP.

As the NTHMP considers recovery as a program area, it should ensure that this is linked to FEMA's current [National Disaster Recovery Framework](#). The Framework describes roles and responsibilities for the federal, state and local agencies, tribes, families, individuals, non-government organizations and private sector entities working within the Whole Community concept to achieve recovery core capabilities to implement critical tasks to survive and successfully recover from disasters. NTHMP FEMA and state representatives could work with their recovery colleagues to put in place plans and products to address long-term recovery.

Meeting Agenda

1. Assign (volunteer) note-taker (facilitator cannot be the note-taker)
2. *2018-2023 NTHMP Strategic Plan* mitigation & recovery content
3. What actions and issues should NTHMP mitigation & recovery efforts address?
4. Which of these actions and issues are already being addressed (by MES or partners), which are not being addressed as much as they could be, and which are not being addressed at all?
5. How does MES want to deal with the workload and overlaps (if they exist)?
6. Recommendations for the NTHMP Coordinating Committee

Under these operating premises

- *Funding to support NTHMP activities on these matters (travel for meetings, hosting workshops, support costs for web-based services like Basecamp or remote meeting capabilities etc.) will be available only from NOAA/NWS Tsunami Activities Grants to state/territory partners. (No separate funding from NOAA will be available.)*

- FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have been asked if they would want to be involved with NTHMP mitigation & recovery. Generally, response has been “we can only assign staff to work on activities for which Congress appropriates funding. Congress does not appropriate funding to FEMA and USCoE for staff to support NTHMP activities, including *tsunami* mitigation or recovery, so we cannot commit anyone’s time or resources.” Funding has been appropriated to NOAA/NWS for state/territory grants, but not for operational matters, including assigning staff time.
- If any work on this effort is going to be done, state/territory partners will need to lead and work on it (not Feds).

What recommendations about “NTHMP Mitigation & Recovery” should be made for consideration by the NTHMP Coordinating Committee?

- Who will volunteer to write and present recommendations for the NTHMP Coordinating Committee? Who else will help work on this activity?
- Are there any recommendations that require grant funding to be added to a partner’s FY18 NOAA/NWS grant request?
- NTHMP *Rules of Procedure* allow:
 - No specific group formation (status quo)
 - Form a “Mitigation & Recovery” Work Group (short term)
 - Form a “Mitigation & Recovery” Caucus (long term)
 - Form a “Mitigation & Recovery” Subcommittee

Which of these options do you wish to recommend? (It is possible to develop recommendations for activities that evolve over time upon completion of certain milestones.)

- Is there a need for more meetings / conference call(s) to develop these recommendations?
- Which CC meeting do you wish to target for presenting recommendations? (Feb 3, March 20, May 22, July 24, etc.)

7. Adjourn