

NTHMP - Island Caucus
July 20, 2022, 3:15 – 5:00pm
Agenda and Notes

Co-Chair: Wildaomaris Gonzales-Ruiz, Puerto Rico
Co-Chair: TBD

Attendees:

American Samoa: Elinor Lutu-McMoore (WSO Pago Pago), Meauta Mageo

CNMI: Mario Kaipat, Jack Diaz

Guam: Chip Guard, Denille Calvo

Puerto Rico: Liz Vanacore (UPRM), Wildaomaris Gonzalez-Ruiz (PREMB)

USVI: Roy Watlington (Consultant)

USGS: Bruce Jaffe, Nate Wood, Stephanie Ross

NOAA ITIC: Christa von Hillebrandt, Carolina Hincapie PTWC – Charles McCreery

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Welcome and Self-Introductions Agenda, Note-taker

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Review of past meetings (2019-2020)

Notes for Winter 2020 meeting are available on the NTHMP web site

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Discussion of the National Plan to Coordinate Post-Tsunami Investigations

Bruce Jaffe presented the current status of the National Plan, next steps and proposed datelines. Island Caucus feedback is as follows:

- Consider the scale.
- Importance for exercising, maintaining the plan and make it real.
- Additional to sharing the draft document for reviewing it separately and provide input, it will better if the topic is discussed in a workshop (NEHRP type approach with the 85% plan).
- Need a better way to get everyone feedback.
- As there is not budget assigned for this task, Ian can facilitate the environment for the discussion helping with meetings.

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TsunamiReady® Program

Status, Challenges, Achievements

- American Samoa, USVI, Guam, CNMI and Puerto Rico reported the status of their programs on their respective islands. Shared their best practices and mentioned that the main challenge to renew the recognition is the delay on shipping supplies to fix or replace sirens parts or signage.
- Some started to ring the bells because the sirens are not working.
- Importance of modeling and evacuations maps with traveling time.
- Need more signs.
- Recommendation to have access to multi hazard systems.

- Retaking the outreach and education activities as drills and talks in schools.
- We need to meet more frequently and identify gaps, challenges and island needs to modify the guidelines.
- Recommendation to get good quality short videos to put together bigger videos of Island work.

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Wrap-up and Report out

5:00 PM

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