

## MES Business Meeting for April 17, 2018

Noon PDT

ATTENDEES: Kevin M., Christa Von H, Christa R., Leo, Victor H., Rocky, Walt Z., Dan B., Cindy P., Kieran, Yvette (California), Dan Hahn (Gulf Coast), Nic Arcos, Jeff Lorens

- 1) Schedule of Calls (April 17, June 19, Aug 21, Oct 16, Dec 18);
  - a) We are using Basecamp
- 2) 2018 Workplan Tasks:
  - a) CRS Fact Sheets – Christa R. still at FEMA awaiting comments/feedback. These are fact sheets explaining the enhanced potential benefits to TsunamiReady overall and outreach strategies within the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. Christa also reported that she is working with a work group on developing the National “Media/Information” Guide (formerly Media Guide).
  - b) Maritime – Kevin M. Updating Chapter 2 (Preparedness and Response) and 3 (Mitigation and Recovery) is a NTHMP grant task that was approved on California’s grant, as of Sept. 1, 2018. In the meantime will look into best practices among NTHMP partners. For example, expressed was an interest and need to capture Cruise industry planning for tsunamis. Rocky will check if National Marine Program Manager of the NWS has any special contact with the Cruise Ship industry. Walt agreed that this would be the best approach. Work also continues with USCG partners and others.
  - c) Mitigation and Recovery – Tamra (not on the call). It was recalled that in the Winter meeting a group led by Tamra was established to discuss mitigation & recovery issues. Kevin summarized a call in held on March 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss these issues, in addition to NTHMP partners, USCG, FEMA and NWS HQ Tsunami Program participated. There seems opportunities for cross-walking between the Mitigation Programs and NTHMP, eg. vertical evacuation, harbor infrastructure projects, adding value to FEMA mitigation project idea documents. Work can be done under MES or other ways that may be recommended to the Coordinating Committee on this topic area. The group that Tamra is leading is working to develop recommendations for the Coordinating Committee on Mitigation and Recovery. Also there is a recognized interest to discuss collaboration on Mitigation and Recovery among a wider group of people beyond the NTHMP core members.
  - d) Social Science – The lead on this topic has been Maximilian, not on the call. Rocky informed that Washington’s proposal for Social Science addressing evaluation of different NTHMP evacuation products was approved for Washington to include on its FY18 grant request. When awarded, the performance period will begin Sept. 1. Formative discussions will continue in the meantime.
  - e) TsunamiReady<sup>®</sup> – Rocky informed that California is working on Tier 2 with Troy Nicolini and Humboldt County for hard to evacuate areas like community of

Fairhaven. 24 TR communities have renewed since October 1, 2018. He reported that PR is making some advances in renewal, despite hurricane impacts. There are four new TR locations in Oahu. Christa R. reported interest of estuarine reserves in PR and Oregon in becoming TsunamiReady supporters. Rocky can make available as a Google worksheet the TsunamiReady database on request. WCMs have access to that information on the national database as well.

- f) TsunamiZone – Jason Ballman was not on the call. Kevin gave an update, noting the growth in registrations from California (180,000 to date), the large number of registrations from the Caribbean (388,000 to date) and the many events that have been posted. Christa suggested that TsunamiZone develop a category for listing participants that is “unknown” to permit the inclusion of participants that might be reported by an EM for which there is no specific information.
  - g) Exercises – Christa von H referenced that the Strategic Plan includes the goal of supporting tsunami exercises under both ME and WC. She noted the three national exercises held over the past months. She indicated that while in the past WCS has been the lead for the exercises, these could benefit from input from the ME community. One suggestion is to develop a time line for the exercise which should start a year ahead of the exercise date to facilitate the participation of EM and communities themselves, which may also work well as a win-win for the exercise manual/scenario developers at the TWC. Does MES want to develop feedback mechanism to evaluate? Develop goals for how NTHMP can support?
- 3) Summer Meeting (2.5 Days) will take place July 24-26 in Sacramento. A small committee will prepare agenda (Kevin M., Christa von H, Tamra, Dan B., Rocky). MMS is suggesting Invited Speakers for Mitigation and Recovery. Key aspects of the summer meetings will include discussion of progress and continued development of/on work plan tasks.
- a) Tuesday 7 hours (+1 hour Joint intro)
  - b) Weds 7 hours (+1 hour CC mtg)
  - c) Thurs 6 hours (+2 hours Joint)
- 4) Other business?
- a) Dan H. from Santa Rosa County has just sent out a Survey to 53 EM from Gulf region to see their appreciation of the tsunami threat within their jurisdictions. He will share the questionnaire with the MES.
  - b) Workshop 2019 – does MES want to do a workshop on MES related topics – social science, mitigation with potential external funding, like the MMS Powell Center. In context of mitigation planning, Kevin mentioned mitigation grants (e.g. mitigation planning grant opportunities, and even HMGP, PDM). Christa R. said that it would be worth exploring. Rocky noted there is the opportunity in the out years, eg 2019 that a proposal could be presented through Grant Partners.

2018 Tsunamis (1.10 Caribbean/1.23 Alaska) After Action items needed by MES via WCS. Need to keep this item on the horizon.