

# Meeting Minutes of the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program Coordinating Committee

January 26, 2009 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST via Teleconference

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## 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

**AK** - Erv Petty – Homeland Security State of AK

**Pacific Territories/Commonwealths** - Ted Untalan, CNMI

**CA** – Jim Goltz, California Office of Emergency Services

**CA** – Rick Wilson, California

**DHS/FEMA** – Mike Mahoney

**DHS/FEMA** – Chris Jonietz-Trissler

**HI** - Kevin Richards, State of Hawaii

**OR** - Rob Witter, DOGAMI

**OR** – Althea Turner

**East Coast States** – Robert Ward, Maryland Emergency Management Agency

**East Coast States** – Jim Kirby, University of Delaware

**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

**USGS** – Craig Weaver

**Gulf Coast States** – Juan Horillio, Texas A&M

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## Minutes

### Call to Order and Role Call

Jen Rhoades, NTHMP Program Administrator, provided the agenda for the meeting and conducted role call for meeting attendees.

### Draft Education Plan

Jen Rhoades provided an assessment of the consolidated comments from the NTHMP-CC review of the Draft Education Plan. Jen stated the comments did not provide a consensus on how to proceed with the plan, and suggested the NTHMP Mitigation and Education Sub-Committee (MES) take on the action to review the comments provided by the NTHMP-CC and further refine the plan. Jen mentioned the MES is responsible for the development of an Education Plan by December 2009, so it is appropriate that the MES take this action. Jen stated the MES would form a small working group to work on the refinement of the plan. Jen then asked the NTHMP-CC to comment on her proposal.

John Schelling asked if this action would impact the proposed train-the-trainer projects within the Washington State Proposal. Vickie Nadolski said that educational programs related to the current Education Plan should not be supported until the Education Plan is finalized. Vickie said the NTHMP-CC should receive an update on the Education Plan from the MES within the next 5-6 months.

The NTHMP-CC agreed to pass the action to refine the Education Plan to the MES.

### Status of Spectrum

Jen Rhoades provided an update on the Spectrum Funds. The MOU between NTIA and NOAA is signed, and the funding is currently on its way to NOAA. Jen said she expected the funds to arrive by early March.

Rob Witter asked how much funding was coming to NOAA this year. Vickie said a little under \$14M is coming to NOAA from Spectrum this year.

### February 2009 NTHMP-CC Annual Budget Meeting

Jen asked the NTHMP-CC if they had any questions/concerns about the agenda for the upcoming NTHMP Annual Budget Meeting.

She was asked if the Education Plan item on Day 2 would still be required due to the NTHMP-CC's decision earlier in the meeting. She said it would not, and would be removed from the agenda.

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Rob Witter thanked Jen for accommodating the MES' request to hold a working group meeting during the meeting (scheduled for 8:30a Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>).

Christa von Hillebrandt asked if it would be possible to set aside some time to have Lee Walkling brief the NTHMP-CC on TsuInfo. The NTHMP-CC determined it would be more appropriate for that to occur during an MES Meeting.

The NTHMP-CC determined the format for the Proposal Review/Q&A sessions of the upcoming Meeting. Each partner will provide a 10-min overview of their FY09 funding requests. If power points are used as part of the overview, they should be limited to 2 slides. Once each partner completes their overview, the NTHMP-CC will be able to ask questions concerning the proposal.

Jen said that she will not need to have the power points in advance of the meeting, and that each member should bring copies for each CC member with them to the meeting.

### FY09-12 Proposals

Jen reminded the NTHMP-CC that the FY09-12 NTHMP Funding proposals are available on-line at <http://nthmp.tsunami.gov/proposals/fy09proposals.html>. Each member of the NTHMP-CC should download and review the proposals prior to the Annual Budget Meeting.

### National Tsunami Awareness Week

Jen informed the NTHMP-CC that she is pursuing having March 23-27 proclaimed "National Tsunami Awareness Week." She mentioned that the proclamation has been drafted and gone through MES review. She will be distributing the draft proclamation to the NTHMP-CC shortly for information.

### Semi-Annual Reports

Jen reminded the NTHMP-CC that Grants Online has requested they provide semi-annual progress reports on their FY08 Grant Awards. She said the information should have been received by each Grant Awardee and to follow the process outlined in the email. She said reports can be submitted through GrantsOnline between February 2 and March 2, 2009

### TsunamiReady Proposals

Jen informed the NTHMP-CC that there is ~\$890K still available in TsunamiReady funding for FY09. This number takes into account the total requested through the NTHMP proposals for TsunamiReady funds. She mentioned if state partners can accomplish more activities than requested in their TsunamiReady funding requests, they can revise them and resubmit them by February 20, 2009. Jen said she would send an email out to the NTHMP regarding the additional funding availability in the next week.

### Closing

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Vickie Nadolski closed the meeting.

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