

NTHMP Coordinating Committee Meeting  
May 21, 2013 Via conference call

Attendees:

NOAA

Ms. Aimee Devaris, NTHMP Chair & Director, NWS Alaska Region Headquarters  
Mr. Mike Angove, Tsunami Program Acting Director, NWS HQ  
Ms. Marie Eble, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory  
Dr. Laura Kong, International Tsunami Information Center  
Dr. Rocky Lopes, NWS HQ, Contractor Support  
Mr. Paul Whitmore, West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center

FEMA

Ms. Tamra Biasco, FEMA Region X, Lynwood, Washington

USGS

No representatives

Alaska

Mr. Ervin Petty, Alaska Division of Emergency Management,  
Dr. Dmitry Nicolsky, Alaska Earthquake Information Center

California

Mr. Kevin Miller, California Emergency Management Agency  
Mr. Rick Wilson, California Geological Survey

East Coast States

Dr. Jim Kirby, University of Delaware

Gulf Coast States

Mr. Charles Williams, Alabama Emergency Management  
Dr. Juan Horrillo, Texas A&M University

Hawaii

Mr. Kevin Richards, Hawaii 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 Mayaguez

U.S. Virgin Islands

General Elton Lewis, Director, Virgin Islands Territorial Emer. Mgmt.

Washington

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

1. NTHMP Strategic Plan

Jim Kirby provided editorial comments via email which Paul Whitmore said were fine. Paul said that the document has been reviewed by many already and all comments addressed.

Rick Wilson asked about changes to mission and vision statements. Paul said that Aimee proposed those changes and he believes the changes make both of the mission and vision statements more clear.

Paul affirmed that the Strategic Plan Work Group reviewed the changes. John Schelling asked about performance measures and said that the MES may be discussing them and proposing future revisions to that component of the Strategic Plan after the summer MES meeting.

Action: The revised NTHMP Strategic Plan was approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. Action plan to fill vacant positions on the NTHMP – East Coast, CNMI, Guam, and US Virgin Islands.

East Coast: Paul Whitmore said that he was going to follow up with Maine. Elizabeth Barton who had previously been the primary tsunami contact at Maine Emergency Management has left. Dan O'Brien of NY may be a possibility. (Contact: 518-292-2468; [daniel.obrien@semo.state.ny.us](mailto:daniel.obrien@semo.state.ny.us)).

Laura said that Juaquin Omar of CNMI has been active. So has Guam – confirm their reps are still active. Mike Angove will follow up.

General Lewis nominated William Linzey to represent USVI. Mr. Linzey is the Deputy Director of VITEMA. There was consensus agreement on this appointment.

Rick Wilson asked about USGS representatives. Mike Angove reaffirmed that he will raise this again with David Applegate. Craig Weaver and David Oppenheimer have participated in the past and if they wish to continue, they should. Also ask about someone for MMS.

3. Call for NTHMP grants for sustainment of current FTE this FY

Mike Angove announced \$1.8M has just been made available for grants to state & local partners through the NTHMP, and that he can augment to \$2.5M depending on needs and justification.

John Schelling: appreciates trying to move forward as expedited as possible. John suggested suspending the Review Panel to help expedite the timeframe. Rocky explained that legally, a Review Panel must be empaneled for non-competitive grants.

Rocky Lopes, Marie Eble, and Tamra Biasco will serve as the review panel. States will not be involved to avoid the potential for conflict of interest. The review panel will make a recommendation to the NTHMP Chair for decision.

General Lewis raised a question about the USVI not being involved in the past. He asked for templates with pre-drafted language. Rocky said that this information will be provided via email to all eligible grant recipients and that USVI is welcome and encouraged to submit a grant application.

Tim Walsh suggested that the grant cycle end on July 31, 2014, instead of August 31, 2014. That would make each entry a little less in its respective financial request to try to avoid oversubscription. Victor Huerfano objected because his host university requires a 12-month cycle. Considering that, the Committee agreed to keep the full 12-month cycle for these new grants for September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

Action: the request to suspend the grant schedule in the NTHMP Rules of Procedure, Appendix E, and to adopt the proposed schedule sent to the CC via email was approved by unanimous voice vote. (See Attachment 1 to these notes.)

Action: Tamra Biasco, Marie Eble, and Rocky Lopes were approved to serve on the Grant Review Panel approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### 4. COMET tsunami training

Mike Angove described that he met with Dr. Rich Jeffries, the new Director of COMET. He was informed about current tsunami products that COMET offers and was asked about any future tsunami-related training that COMET might do. John Schelling said that this will be discussed during the MES meeting this summer.

#### 5. Meeting of MES/MMS Subcommittees at PMEL August 19 – 23.

Mike Angove announced that “we are as on-track as we can be” for the travel approvals for the MES/MES summer meeting which is scheduled for August 19 – 23, 2013, at the Pacific Marine Environmental Lab in Seattle. Mike thanked Marie Eble for her advance work in making arrangements for the meeting.

General Lewis asked if his new NTHMP nominee, William Linzey, could participate in this meeting. Mike said that he would try to request a substitution on the list already submitted for travel approvals, substituting Mr. Linzey for Paula Dunbar who is unable to travel due to organizational restrictions.

Marie Eble asked for current list of participants so she can work w/security clearances. Rocky Lopes said that he would send the list to her.

#### 6. Other business

General Lewis and William Linzey attended the March 19, 2013, NTHMP Coordinating Committee meeting yet were not listed on the meeting notes as attendees. Rocky Lopes said that he will update the meeting notes to reflect this correction.

Meeting ended at 4:00pm ET.

ATTACHMENT 1: APPROVED NTHMP FY13 GRANT SCHEDULE

<b>NTHMP GRANT TARGET DATES</b>	<b>DAY OF WEEK</b>	<b>DATE</b>
NWS TSUNAMI PROGRAM PROVIDES NOTICE OF AVAILABLE GRANT FUNDS WITH TEMPLATES TO GRANTEES (RFA)	FRIDAY	5/24/2013
GRANTEES SUBMIT NEW AWARD PROPOSALS TO NWS TSUNAMI PROGRAM VIA EMAIL	FRIDAY	6/7/2013
NWS TSUNAMI PROGRAM PROVIDES INITIAL SCREENING OF GRANT PROPOSAL AND COORDINATES ANY CHANGES REQUIRED WITH SUBMITTER	MONDAY	6/10/2013
NWS SENDS GRANT REQUESTS GRANT REVIEW PANEL	TUESDAY	6/11/2013
GRANT REVIEW PANEL PROVIDES FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO NTHMP CHAIR AND NWS ACTING TSUNAMI PROGRAM DIRECTOR	FRIDAY	6/21/2013
NWS TSUNAMI PROGRAM RETURNS GRANT REQUEST TO NTHMP GRANTEE WITH EDITS/CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO NOAA GRANTS SYSTEM	MONDAY	6/24/2013
NTHMP GRANTEE ENTERS INTO NOAA GRANTS SYSTEM AND SUBMITS/UPLOADS REQUIRED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS	MONDAY	6/24/2013
DEADLINE FOR GRANTEE GRANT ENTRY INTO NOAA GRANT SYSTEM	THURSDAY	6/27/2013
REVIEW APPROVAL BY NWS TSUNAMI PROGRAM IN NOAA GRANTS SYSTEM BEGINS	FRIDAY	6/28/2013
FINAL APPROVALS IN NOAA GRANTS SYSTEM	WEDNESDAY	7/3/2013
NOAA GRANTS MANAGEMENT BEGINS REVIEW PROCESS, INCLUDING LEGAL REVIEW.	MONDAY	7/8/2013
AWARD START DATE	SUNDAY	9/1/2013
AWARD END DATE	SUNDAY	8/31/2014