

# NTHMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2021

3:00pm EST

Roll Call:

## Alaska

Mr. James Benzschawel, Alaska Division of Emergency Management, Anchorage, AK  
Dr. Dmitry Nicolsky, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK

## American Samoa

Mr. Meauta Mageo, American Samoa Dept of Homeland Security, Pago Pago, AS  
Ms. Elinor Lutu-McMoore<sup>1</sup>, American Samoa WSO, Pago Pago, American Samoa

## California

Ms. Yvette LaDuke, California Office of Emergency Services, Valencia, CA  
Mr. Todd Becker, California Office of Emergency Services, Eureka, CA  
Mr. Rick Wilson, California Geological Survey, Sacramento, CA

## Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

No Representative

## East Coast States

Dr. Jim Kirby, University of Delaware, Newark, DE  
Mr. Ed Fratto, Northeast States Earthquake Consortium, Wakefield, MA

## Guam

Mr. Leo Espia, Guam Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Agana Heights, GU

## Gulf Coast States

No Representative

## Hawaii

Dr. Kwok Fai Cheung, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI  
Mr. Kevin Richards, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Honolulu, HI

## Oregon

Dr. Jonathan Allan, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, Portland, OR  
Dr. Althea Rizzo, Oregon Emergency Management Agency, Salem, OR

## Puerto Rico

Dr. Victor Huerfano, Univ. of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, Mayagüez, PR  
Rico Dr. Liz Vanacore<sup>3</sup>, Univ. of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, Mayagüez, PR

## U.S. Virgin Islands

Roy Watlington, Scientist Emeritus, St. Thomas, VI  
Regina Browne, Virgin Islands Territorial EMA, St. Croix, VI

## Washington

Mr. Jacob Witcraft, Washington Emergency Mgmt Division, Camp Murray, WA  
Mr. Maximilian Dixon, Washington Emergency Mgmt Division, Camp Murray, WA

Mr. Daniel Eungard, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Olympia, WA  
Ms. Elyssa Tappero, Washington Emergency Mgmt Division, Camp Murray, WA

#### NOAA

Mr. Mike Angove<sup>5</sup>, Tsunami Program, NOAA/NWS Headquarters, Silver Spring, MD (Acting Chair)  
Ms. Marie Eblé<sup>1</sup>, NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Lab, Seattle, WA  
Mr. Ian Sears<sup>5</sup>, NOAA/National Weather Service HQ, Silver Spring, MD  
Mr. Lewis Kozlosky<sup>4</sup>, NOAA/National Weather Service HQ, Silver Spring, MD  
Ms. Christa von Hillebrandt, NOAA/NWS Caribbean Tsunami Warning Pgm, Mayagüez, PR  
Dr. Diego Arcas, NOAA PMEL, Seattle, WA  
Dr. Chip McCreery, PTWC Director, Honolulu, HI  
Dr. James Gridley, NTWC Director, Palmer, AK  
Mr. Dave Snider, NTWC Tsunami Warning Coordinator, Palmer, AK  
Ms. Kelly Stroker, NCEI, Boulder, CO

#### FEMA

Ms. Amanda Siok, FEMA Region X, Lynnwood, WA  
Mr. Mike Mahoney, FEMA Headquarters, Washington, DC

#### USGS

Ms. Stephanie Ross, U.S. Geological Survey, Moffett Field, CA  
Dr. Nate Wood, U.S. Geological Survey, Portland, OR

36 present, 10 state votes (min 7); 7 Fed votes (min 4). Quorum requirement met.

<sup>1</sup>Coord. Comm member, NOAA employee, non-voting      <sup>2</sup> Guest, one-time, non-voting  
<sup>3</sup>Alternate for primary CC member (guest)              <sup>4</sup> Regular guest, non-voting status  
<sup>5</sup>Ex-officio, non-voting member

1. Roll Call: NTHMP Administrator

[Quorum met](#)

2. Welcome and call meeting to order: Mike Angove / Delegated from Chair, Grant Cooper

[Meeting called to order – 3:01pm EST](#)

3. [VOTE] Approval of Coordinating Committee Minutes from Nov 17, 2020.

[Minutes](#) - Call for approval: Mike Angove – Approved

4. [DISCUSSION] FY21 NTHMP Grants program reviews.

[Thank you to those that have already had an opportunity to share with us the status of your Grant funded programs. The program reviews are going very well.](#)

[We are excited to hear from all of you.](#)

[Any reshuffling of travel funds, please work with Ian and Lewis for assistance.](#)

5. [DISCUSSION] FY21 in-person meetings. Mike Angove

For Calendar Year 2021, we are not anticipating any in-person meetings. We would like to make a final decision soon and communicate that with you ASAP. In the event NTHMP grant-funded travel does not occur this year, please work with Ian and Lewis to find appropriate activities those funds could support.

Additionally, I would like to lean forward and plan our next in-person meeting for January 2022. Ian will lead that effort.

Yvette: should the hotel reservation be canceled? Ian: Will touch base again to verify.

6. MES update – MES Co-chair

[Link to MES notes](#)

7. MRPWG update – MRPWG Co-chair

[Link to MRPWG notes](#)

8. MMS update – MMS Co-chair

[Link to MMS notes](#)

9. WCS update – WCS Co-chair

[Link to WCS notes](#)

10. Old Business

NA

11. New Business

Dmitry Nicolsky: Covid travel restrictions - wants to give virtual presentations, but has limited connectivity. Preloaded laptop - one-time exception? Guidance is no, but perhaps some creative ways to address.

Rick Wilson: Any Federal information on what they're doing to commemorate Tohoku?  
Ian Sears will coordinate - "what's been done in last 10 years"

Yvette LaDuke: CA looking at putting hosting of the NTHMP in January in their grant.

Ian Sears and Mike Angove not opposed. Need to figure out how to handle subcommittee changes. Will provide guidance.

Stephanie Ross: Cascadia workshop is in early Jan.

12. Adjourn 4:17pm