**Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC)**

**RCECC: 3511 NE 2nd St., Renton**

**March 9th, 2022**

**Meeting Minutes**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Chair Kimberly Behymer opened the Teams meeting at 10:01 am and noted the meeting was being recorded.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

Bob Baggett initiated a vote on the January minutes, seconded by Tom Harman. The minutes were approved unanimously with minor edits.

**RCPGP**

Sasha Rector with KCOEM presented on the status of the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program. She began with an initial overview of the grant program and some of the background information. The grant covers the wide area of Puget sound. She noted that the initial phase of the grant was awarded to our partners up north in Snohomish County, which had a large maritime component to it. She then shared the schedule for upcoming workshops, with many coming up through the Spring. An overview of the set agenda was given, and she noted the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) was the initial contractor. The grant initially envisioned in-person meetings but shifted to a virtual setting with uncertainty related to covid.

With virtual sessions the agendas were shorted to include a brief overview, a discussion of anticipated threat and hazard impacts and the effect those impacts have on key assets. The afternoon portion of the agenda was a facilitated discussion on communication and information sharing tools along with best practices. The meetings conclude with a Best Practices briefing and final Framework Vision. Overall, phase II of the grant has a greater focus on communication. A significant example of the maritime impacts utilized an EMD study conducted on the Port of Bellingham which provided context for the types of hazards and impacts that could be expected.

The Framework components that had tentatively been collected and developed covered contacts/communication options, asset mapping (carry-over from the FY19 iteration), and a template-style format resource for localities. This led to the recommended training programs and ‘last mile’ options before turning to best practices to evaluate and harden assets. The framework concluded with coverage of ‘if it happens tomorrow’ protocols. Overall, the Framework was still flexible to any needed adjustments. Sasha shared her contact information for those interested in more information and participation moving forward.

**OEM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Barnaby Dow from KCOEM shared on the OEM Implementation Plan. He began with an overview of what such a plan is and how that fit into the structure of reporting for the division. He noted this was an initiative county-wide. The current plan was displayed, and Barnaby walked through the overall format of the plan and explained what each function the various components served. He shared the meaning behind some of the King County government specific language and how that translated to activities conducted by OEM staff and where the responsibility was directed within the office. Methodically he walked through each of the categories and explained them so that EMAC members were informed of the overall work products of OEM in order to facilitate any informed input could be provided. Much of the plan was prospective and looked to activities in the future to achieve the stated goals. The overall plan is broken down for quarterly updates and status checks. Barnaby concluded with a section for questions and comments. Members were encouraged to share any potential enhancements to further guide OEM in achieving the given goals.

**BYLAWS UPDATE**

The Chair Kimberly Behymer moved to the discussion of the current proposed bylaws updates. The draft was sent to members three weeks prior for a vote during the March session. The Chair gave an overview of how the bylaws fit within the code and the overall purpose of this current update. Nick Gibbons with KCOEM walked through each of the sections that were expected to see revisions. Nearly all proposed updates reflected basic housekeeping of the document to clean up some language and ensure alignment with the correlating code section. The most material change concerned the inclusion of Federal Way as a designated seat-holding member. The code stipulates that all cities with a population of over 100,000 were offered a seat, however, the statue does not designate which cities those are specifically. With that in mind, the committee is free to update that section of the by-laws to reflect current census information.

The Red Cross noted that their name had changed from King and Kitsap Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross to just King County. Tom Harman with the water and sewer districts also noted that the name of his appointing body also did not match what was listed in the by-laws. However, Denise Mack from Department of Natural Resources and Parks, noted that changes to the named parties could not conflict with the statue which controls for the document. The committee decided to table the vote on the current draft until the next session when any outstanding issues could be discussed.

**ZONE COORDINATION**

Cynthia Foley shared on zone updates. She discussed an upcoming event coordinating with senior service provides (community centers, meal services, etc.) and they are working with regional service providers to cover preparedness for members in that community. She noted Nathan Bradshaw had been out to Snoqualmie valley for the recent floods. Lastly, she shared initial activity on an upcoming effort to synchronize mass care planning in the area.

**GRANT/PROJECT STATUS**

Nathan Drain covered the finance slides. FY2018 was being closed and shared on some of which projects were funded that had closed out. FY2019 had been extended with a 78% expenditure rate and upcoming July 2022 close out. For FY2020 there is a break-out for Enduring Needs and National Priority Area projects and that they were progressing positively with a close out of February 2023. FY2021 had not been expended and had a close out of July 2024.

**Good of the Order:**

Eric Holdeman with PNWER shared on how events drive many of the activities for emergency management and he pondered how current changing threat dynamics in the world will impact the direction moving forward.

**Meeting Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:06 am.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, May 11th 10:00 am - 11:30 am, King County Office of Emergency Management

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| Present | Position # | Name | Representing/Affiliation | |
| x | 30 | Andrea Coulson | Central Region Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Care Council | |
| x | 5 | Carl Lunak | City Of Bellevue | |
|  | 36 | Michelle Kinberg | City Of Bellevue, Alt | |
|  | 27 | Jennifer Keizer | City Of Kent, Alt | |
| x | 49 | Kimberly Behymer | City of Kent | |
| x | 48 | MJ Jorgensen | City of Renton | |
|  | 50 | VACANT | City of Renton, Alt | |
| x | 11 | Curry Mayer | City Of Seattle | |
|  | 34 | Laurel Nelson | City Of Seattle, Alt | |
| x | 4 | Mary Hobday | Electric / Gas Utilities | |
| x | 17 | Mike Ryan | Faith-Based Organization | |
|  | 8 | Eric Lange | Financial Community | |
| x | 39 | Jamie Hill | King & Kitsap County Chapter of The American Red Cross | |
|  | 20 | Vacant | King & Kitsap County Chapter of The American Red Cross, Alt | |
| x | 22 | Denise Mack | King County Dept. Of Natural Resource and Parks | |
|  | 29 | James Faccone | King County Dept. Of Natural Resource and Parks, Alt | |
| x | 3 | Neil Crosier | King County Metro | |
| x | 37 | Erin McGlenn (pending) | King County Metro, Alt | |
| x | 25 | Brendan McCluskey | King County Executive's Designee | |
|  | 51 | Alysha Kaplan | King County Executive's Designee, Alt | |
|  | 33 | Jeff DiDonato | King County Fire Chief's Association | |
|  | 19 | Thomas G. Tryon | King County Fire Chief's Association, Alt | |
| x | 6 | Terry Miller | King County Fire Commissioners Association | |
|  | 31 | Alan Barrie | King County Fire Commissioners Association, Alt | |
| x | 47 | Cherrie Harris | King County Police Chief's Association | |
|  | 28 | Patti Cole-Tindall (pending) | King County Sheriff's Office | |
| x | 26 | J Havner | Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC), alt | |
|  | 24 | Vacant | Muckleshoot Tribal Nation | |
|  | 21 | Onora Lien | Northwest Healthcare Response Network | |
|  | 44 | Susan Pelaez | Northwest Healthcare Response Network, Alt | |
|  | 23 | Vacant | Port of Seattle |
|  | 7 | Michelle Turner | Private Business And Industry |
| x | 12 | Carina Elsenboss | Public Health Seattle And King County |
|  | 43 | Alison Levy | Public Health Seattle And King County, Alt |
|  | 9 | Andrea Dombroski | Puget Sound Educational Services District |
|  | 10 | Steven De Los Angeles | Snoqualmie Tribal Nation |
|  | 40 | Karen Moran | Sound Cities Association, Alt |
| x | 18 | Marianne Klaas | Sound Cities Association |
| x | 13 | David Carson | Sound Cities Association |
| x | 41 | Bob Baggett | Sound Cities Association |
| x | 42 | Alan Gothelf | Sound Cities Association, Alt |
| x | 2 | Linda Newing | Sound Cities Association, Alt |
| x | 16 | Quyen Thai | Washington Association Of Building Officials |
| x | 15 | Suzi O’Byrne (pending) | Water & Sewer Districts |
| x | 46 | Tom Harman | Water & Sewer Districts, Alt. |
| x | 52 | Gene Mueller | King County Department of Executive Services, Alt |
|  | XX | John Parrott (pending) | King County Department of Executive Services |
|  | 53 | Ruth Harvey (pending) | King County Department of Local Services |
|  | 54 | Danielle de Clercq (pending) | King County Department of Local Services, Alt |
|  | 55 | Ray Gross (pending) | City of Federal Way |