

Summary Report of the Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Steering Group Meeting

May 16-17, 2001
Portland, Oregon

Attendees

Steering Group

Eddie Bernard - NOAA	Lori Dengler - State of California
Richard Hagemeyer - NOAA	Brian Yanagi - State of Hawaii
Chris Jonientz-Trisler - FEMA	Laura Kong - State of Hawaii
Michael Hornick - FEMA	Mark Darienzo - State of Oregon
Craig Weaver - USGS	George Priest - State of Oregon
Scott Simmons - State of Alaska	George Crawford - State of Washington
Roger Hansen - State of Alaska	Tim Walsh - State of Washington
Richard Eisner - State of California	

Guests

Frank González - NOAA

Ed Myers - OSU

Tom Sokolowski - WC/ATWC

Charles McCreery - PTWC

Lt Alan Yelvington - USCG

David Oppenheimer - USGS

Jim Kennard - OR DLCD

Ed Henry USDOT Region IX

Aurelio Mercado - U of Puerto Rico

Solomon Yim - OSU

Curt Peterson - PSU

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of action items from the previous meeting:

1. ACTION ITEM: There was considerable discussion on how to confirm the availability of resources after a disastrous event. The group formed an ad hoc subcommittee to formalize the next steps. The subcommittee consists of: Richard Przywarty, Frank González, Eddie Bernard, George Priest, and Costas Synolakis. Three new members were added to the subcommittee: Mike Hornick, Chris Jonientz-Trisler, and Richard Eisner. There was a discussion of what role the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program Steering Group would have in tsunami disaster response. NOAA currently has no input in times of disaster. The current National Post-Storm Data Acquisition Plan provides only for data collection. Mike Hornick, FEMA Region IX proposed a 2-step action plan: 1) The Federal Response Plan needs a tsunami action plan. Mike Hornick and Chris Jonientz-Trisler and FEMA HQ need to develop this plan, and 2) the States need defined data collection activities. The subcommittee will review the NOAA Response Plan document and how it interacts with the states and report at the next meeting.

ACTION: Subcommittee members named

STATUS: ONGOING

2. ACTION ITEM: Chris Jonientz-Trisler will rerun and expand the 1994 baseline survey to measure performance. The results of this survey will be compared to the 1994 baseline survey and the results presented at the August 2001 review of the program.

ACTION: Chris Jonientz-Trisler

STATUS: Survey has been conducted and data is being compiled and analyzed for the report

3. ACTION ITEM: The Subcommittee Activities Matrix and Program Gaps were discussed as well as the FY 01 budget. The budget discussion was incomplete. The Subcommittee Coordinator indicated the budget discussion would be finalized during a conference call with all subcommittee members as soon as possible.

ACTION: All Mitigation Subcommittee members

STATUS: CLOSED Conference call was held and matrix updated

4. ACTION ITEM: Steering Group members were asked to send any final comments on the Local Tsunami Warning Systems and Procedures: Guidance for Local Officials document to him not later than January 1, 2001.

ACTION: Each Steering Group Member

STATUS: CLOSED

5. ACTION ITEM: Final Local Tsunami Warning Systems and Procedures: Guidance for Local Officials document to be placed on the Oregon web site prior to the May 14-15, 2001 Workshop and Steering Group meeting.

ACTION: Mark Darienzo

STATUS: OPEN

6. ACTION ITEM: All Steering Group members are to send comments on the proposed May Workshop agenda to Mark Darienzo. Mark Darienzo will contact state emergency managers for names of people to invite to the workshop and will arrange for the meeting sites for the workshop and Steering Group meeting.

ACTION: All Steering Group Members, Mark Darienzo

STATUS: CLOSED workshop was held May 14-15

7. ACTION ITEM: Continue to refine the draft Tsunami Ready Community Program proposal.

ACTION: R. Przywarty, T. Sokolowski, L. Dengler

STATUS: CLOSED IMPLEMENTING

8. ACTION ITEM: Each State is to recommend one pilot community for the Tsunami Ready Community Program by January 1, 2001.

ACTION: Each State

STATUS: CLOSED Tsunami Ready Communities have been named in California, Washington, Oregon, and Alaska

9. ACTION ITEM: In preparation for the review in August 2001 and keeping in mind the original Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Plan, each Steering Group member should prepare a presentation of their program review of the past 5 years for the May 2001 Steering Group Meeting that focuses on 1) what did you promise to do? 2) what did you do? and 3) what impact did it have?

ACTION: Each Steering Group Member

STATUS: OPEN IN PROGRESS Mitigation and Mapping are in draft form, others are complete

10. ACTION ITEM: Each Steering Group member is to prepare a summary of their expectations and budgets for the next 5 years. (In other words, where do you want to be at the end of the next 5 years?)

ACTION: Each Steering Group Member

STATUS: CLOSED

11. ACTION ITEM: For FY 2001, \$2.3 million has been appropriated for the Program. There is an add-on of \$1 million for the Tsunami Warning and Environmental Observatory for Alaska (TWEAK), a letter of intent by Ray Highsmith at the University of Alaska. It was suggested that Ray Highsmith include Roger Hansen and Zygmunt Kowalik in writing the proposal for TWEAK.

ACTION: Ray Highsmith, Roger Hansen, and Zygmunt Kowalik to write a proposal for TWEAK.

STATUS: OPEN Proposal has been written and distributed to Steering Group members. Discussion was held via conference call with Ray Highsmith on May 17. Steering Group members are to review proposal and meet via conference call on May 30 at 2 p.m. PDT.

12. ACTION ITEM: A discussion of the question of how to report the mapping effort pointed out the difficulties of this issue and a method agreeable to all must be developed. Frank González and the States were asked to discuss and agree on the

