

**PCEMA Council Meeting  
03/17/2022  
North Pacific County Annex – Commissioner’s Meeting Room,  
1216 Robert Bush Drive West  
South Bend, WA**

**Attendance:**

Scott McDougall	Pacific County Emergency Management Agency
Robin Souvenir	Pacific County Sheriff
Julie Struck	Mayor, City of South Bend
Jerry Phillips	Mayor, City of Long Beach
Dee Roberts	Mayor, City of Raymond
Mike Cassinelli	Mayor, City of Ilwaco
Lisa Olsen	Pacific County Commissioner, Dist. 1
Frank Wolfe	Pacific County Commissioner, Dist. 3
Jim Bergstrom	Shoalwater Bay Tribe Police
Paul Plakinger	Pacific County Administration
David Glasson	City of Long Beach
Bob Cline	Pacific County RACES/ARES
Marcelina Medina	Pacific County Emergency Management
Chris Caprio	WA EMD
Allison Mora	American Red Cross
Perry Fladager	American Red Cross

Chair Wolfe called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

Mayor Phillips moved to nominate Commissioner Wolfe for chairman for 2022. Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Mayor Phillips moved to nominate Dee Roberts for vice chairman for 2022. The motion passed without dissent.

Director McDougall presented information about the FY 2022 budget. He indicated the fund balance is \$107,168 as of 2/28/2022. This will be a more complex budget year. There were some significant unbudgeted expenses earlier in the year due to the flood event. Director McDougall mentioned that 3 to 4 months down the road he will be presenting to this board and to the Board of County Commissioners a request for a supplemental budget appropriation. Commissioner Olson moved to approve the budget report as presented. Mayor Struck seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Director McDougall discussed the Local Emergency Planning Committee. He stated that one of the responsibilities this council has is to provide local hazardous material planning. Our community’s hazardous material exposure is low. At end of 2019 Director McDougall had discussed the possibility of making some changes to the committee so that it would include our local fire departments, our local law enforcement, the companies trucking fuel, and the companies handling the hazardous material. Part of that change includes Chris Caprio who comes to us from WA EMD.

At his time Chris Caprio introduced himself. He provided some brief background information. He also shared what his goals for our county are. He shared information for the upcoming State Hazardous Material Conference that will take place between April 12 and May 12 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Commissioner Olsen asked what it is that LEPC covers as far as planning. Director McDougall's reply was that it in this perspective it is a sub set of the PCEMA Council and focuses primarily on Hazardous Materials.

Director McDougall introduced Marcelina Medina who has joined PCEMA as an administrative assistant.

Director McDougall introduced Allison Mora who is the Disaster Program Manager from the Red Cross.

Allison Mora gave an overview of the activities that she and Director McDougall have been working on toward building a relationship between the Red Cross and Pacific County. They are currently meeting every two weeks on Friday mornings for 30 minutes to an hour. She related her mission for Pacific County is to establish relationships and create connections with the community so that our community is better equipped to respond to an event.

Director McDougall shared a project they have planned for the future called "Sound the Alarm" where they will be going to the trailer park on 227<sup>th</sup> and install fire alarms. The date will be determined.

Allison shared that they also are working toward putting together a volunteer recruitment event for sometime at the end of April. This event would be to get volunteers who are interested in training to become Disaster Action Team Responders.

Commissioner Olsen asked if there were any training programs from the Red Cross geared more towards teens.

Allison replied that there are a couple youth preparedness programs, one being Prepare with Pedro for kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade and the Pillowcase Program for 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She will coordinate with our local schools. Director McDougall stated he would also work on this.

Director McDougall gave an overview of the current status of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He discussed the letter received from FEMA where they state they have reviewed the draft of the Pacific County Mitigation Plan and approval is pending formal documentation of its adoption by participating jurisdictions.

Director McDougall addressed the situation in the Ukraine and how it may affect Pacific County. He discussed the existence of cyber threats and how government entities are at risk. He recommended strengthening passwords by creating a minimum 12 random character password. He discussed the possibility of impacts across the US as refugees arrive. He discussed the potential continued impact on fuel prices and therefore a potential increase in fuel thefts.

Director McDougall gave an overview of the status of the Comprehensive Emergency Plan which was due at the end of 2021. He has requested an extension. It includes updates that reflect changes required by state, including considering the needs of individuals with limited English proficiency and individuals who have access and functional needs.

Todd Strozyk gave an overview of the latest COVID update. He reported a decrease in the number of cases and speculation as to why there is a decrease in cases. He shared information on our local inventory of home test kits and N95 masks and where the community can access these. He stated that the Health Department is still conducting tests. He commented on some changes made by the state. He spoke on treatments and vaccinations and their availability. He reported on the Health Department's continued work with the local schools.

Director McDougall provided updates on the 2022 SHSP and EMPG. He stated that there is currently no formal budget for 2022. He mentioned that he anticipates that both programs will be funded at a similar level and with similar guidelines as 2021. He stated he is currently working on the phase II application. He stated he submitted to Homeland Security Region 3 the State and Homeland Security National Priority Area Grant Application for Pacific County for 20 APX portable radios in the total amount of \$112,000. These radios will allow all of the local law enforcement agencies to be on the same communications platform. The request does not include Shoalwater Bay Tribe Police.

Director McDougall reported that PCEMA will be hosting ICS 300 and 400 training on the week of April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Raymond Fire Department.

Director McDougall gave an overview of the 2021 Department of Ecology report.

Bob Cline presented the ARES/RACES report. He stated that both HF antennas are not working. He requested approval to spend a maximum amount of \$300 to replace the HF wire antenna that was damaged during a storm. He also requested the assistance of the Long Beach Fire Department to use their tower ladder truck to access the antenna. Bob will coordinate with the Long Beach Fire Department.

Director McDougall addressed an item not on the agenda. He communicated that the National Weather Service in Seattle will be conducting an excessive heat seminar on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to attend this webinar may attend in the EOC at noon on those days.

Director McDougall communicated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the BoCC Meeting Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.