

PCEMA Council Meeting
April 14, 2016
Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Pacific County Annex
South Bend, WA

Attendance:

Scott McDougall	Pacific County Emergency Management Agency
Scott Johnson	Pacific County Sheriff
Jerry Phillips	Mayor, City of Long Beach
Lisa Ayers	Pacific County Commissioner, Dist. 3
Julie Struck	Mayor, City of South Bend
Jessica Rowlett	PCEMA AmeriCorps Volunteer
Howard Auble	Pacific County Radio Amateur (RACES) Volunteer
John Bageant	American Red Cross
Steve Rogers	Pacific County Commissioner, Dist. 1
Frank Wolfe	Pacific County Commissioner, Dist. 3

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Chair Wolfe. Personal introductions were made.

Commissioner Ayers moved that the minutes of the January meeting be approved as presented. Sheriff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Mayor Struck moved that the minutes of the November special meeting be approved as presented. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Mayor Phillips moved that the budget report be accepted as presented. Mayor Struck seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Commissioner Ayers expressed that she would like to see more detail available in the budget report. Deputy Director McDougall stated that he would provide more detail in future reports.

Deputy Director McDougall discussed an upcoming FEMA training opportunity for policy makers and community leaders on the incident command system. The training will be presented at Camp Murray and also in Bellingham.

Deputy Director McDougall presented an update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan process. He explained that the plan had been approved by FEMA pending adoption by the stakeholder agencies. He also stated that the adoption process should be complete by the end of April and that as soon as the adoption process was complete the plan would be returned to FEMA for formal approval. There was also discussion regarding the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Grant Program class that will be put on by WA EMD in late May. This class will provide guidance on how to take advantage of the two open grant application periods that are currently available.

Deputy Director McDougall discussed the Continuity of Operations Plan process that General Administration, Department of Public Works, PCEMA, the City of South Bend and the City of Long Beach were about to embark on. He went on to discuss the training that would take place on June 2nd, as well as outlining the process after the June 2nd training was completed. Deputy Director McDougall then

offered a formal apology to Mayor Struck for a communication breakdown that led to her being “blindsided” by the COOP process.

Deputy Director McDougall reviewed the round-table discussion with Maria Cantwell hosted by the Ocean Beach School District. There was also a discussion about Matt Winters editorial referring to the Long Beach Berm/Evacuation site being a possible boondoggle. He asked for confirmation that the Council wished to have us continue on our current strategic path in advocating for the berm. Mayor Phillips stated that the city of Long Beach is still receiving mostly positive feedback and is continuing the process. A lengthy discussion followed. The council indicated that we should continue as we have been in advocating for this type of structure.

Deputy Director McDougall presented information regarding attendance at recent EOC trainings. He also discussed the Washington Mutual Aid System and resource ordering training that will be held on April 29th as well as a preview of the Cascadia Rising Exercise to be held June 7-10, with the Pacific County EOC fully activated June 8th and 9th. Commissioner Wolfe indicated that DCD will be sending participants to the upcoming trainings, but they are unable to send more than one at a time. He also indicated that other county departments would be sending participants to trainings as staffing would allow.

Howard Auble presented the ARES/RACES report on behalf of Bob Cline. There was a discussion about the success of the recent Vital Connections exercise with the military.

Deputy Director McDougall discussed the proposed changes to the Nation Response Framework and to the National Incident Management System. He also encouraged the Council to review the changes and to submit any comments they may have to FEMA.

Deputy Director McDougall gave an AmeriCorps update, and let the council know that Jessica Rowlett had accepted a position from the Shoalwater Bay Tribe effective July 18, 2016, which will coincide with the end of her term of service.

John Bageant provided the report on behalf of the American Red Cross. The ARC presence within the county has increased along with the number of trained individuals within the county both for home fires and larger disasters.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.