

**PCEMA Council Meeting  
January 14, 2016  
South Pacific County Admin Facility – Meeting Room A  
Long Beach, WA**

**Attendance:**

Stephanie Fritts	Pacific County Emergency Management Agency
Scott McDougall	Pacific County Emergency Management Agency
Scott Johnson	Pacific County Sheriff
Mike Cassinelli	Mayor, City of Ilwaco
David Glasson	Administrator, City of Long Beach
Lisa Ayers	Pacific County Commissioner, Dist. 3
Julie Struck	Mayor, City of South Bend
Jessica Rowlett	PCEMA AmeriCorps Volunteer
Bob Cline	PCARC
Malachi Hindle	American Red Cross
John Burke	American Red Cross
Marilyn Nikolas	Bold Planning
Mary Atherton	Pacific County CERT

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Vice-Chair Struck. Mayor Cassinelli moved that the minutes of the October meeting be approved as presented. Sheriff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Chief Deputy Fritts presented and read a resolution honoring the life and contributions of RACES Volunteer Robert B. Frost. Commissioner Ayers moved that the resolution (2016-001) be approved, Sheriff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Personal Introductions were made.

Administrator Glasson moved that the Finance Report be accepted as presented. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Chief Deputy Fritts discussed the process for the nomination of officer for 2016. Mayor Struck opened nominations for 2016 officers. Administrator Glasson moved to re-elect Chair Wolfe and Vice-Chair Struck. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. The Motion passed without dissent.

Chief Deputy Fritts presented a review of the current Hazard Mitigation Plan Status. She reported that the plan was being reviewed by the Washington Emergency Management Division (WA EMD) and that upon completion of that review the plan would either be returned to us for clarification or submitted to FEMA. She also discussed delays that had happened at WA EMD which resulted in a contract extension from WA EMD. She went on to state we were awaiting FEMA approval of that extension. She then discussed the adoption of the new plan by the individual stakeholder entities. Any entity that wants to apply for HMP funds may do so, the funds will not be disbursed until the plan is adopted.

Chief Deputy Fritts discussed the new Tsunami Ready Guidelines. PCEMA has concerns about the new guidelines. Due to these concerns PCEMA has renewed all of the county's Tsunami Ready designations. Therefore, all Tsunami Ready designations are good through 2018. PCEMA will re-visit this issue in the future.

Chief Deputy Fritts gave an overview of a report on Inundation issues from distant source tsunami's. She highlighted the Long Beach specific section of the report. She then skipped to Tab 11 to add in discussions regarding Tsunami Warning breakpoints and the addition of the Columbia River Estuary zone breakpoint. PCEMA is concerned about ensuring consistent messaging between these zones. These two issues were combined as they all pertain to distant source tsunami's. For at least the next year the Columbia River Zone will mirror Washington's messaging. In the future based upon the National Tsunami Warning Center's modeling and science. The potential impacts remain unclear.

Chief Deputy Fritts discussed ramp ups and exercises in preparation for Cascadia Rising. She also reviewed attendance at EOC exercises. There was discussion as to how EOC roles were developed and supported. She went on to indicate how important it is to have good attendance at these trainings. Mayor Struck asked to be added to the EOC mailing list. Chief Deputy Fritts highlighted our plans for participation in Cascadia Rising.

Chief Deputy Fritts discussed the Department of Corrections Master Crew Agreement. Mayor Cassinelli moved to approve and forward to the Pacific County BoCC the Department of Corrections Master Crew Agreement. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Chief Deputy Fritts reported on the Tsunami Focus Group report by David Johnston and Caroline Orchiston based upon the focus groups conducted in May. The report showed that there are issues we need to address in our public education and community outreach. Jessica discussed the upcoming Community Tsunami forums. We will be updating our message to reflect what we have learned.

Chief Deputy Fritts led a discussion about the use of the Hyper-Reach system. We are currently not paying any per call or per minute charges for the notification we are sending out. When our contract expires in 2010 we almost certainly will be paying for the messaging we send under our new contract. Chief Deputy Fritts asked the council for guidance on how the system should be used. She is particularly concerned about what is done now setting precedents for messages to be sent in the future. Sheriff Johnson discussed the recent power outage on the peninsula and the fact that the decision was made not to disseminate a message. There was a lengthy discussion about who would pay for the notifications. The general consensus is that we should continue to utilize the system as we are currently. We will also inform each agency that in the future these calls may have a cost attached. Direction was also given to explore other systems that may offer more value.

Bob Cline was unable to attend. Chief Deputy Fritts presented the RACES report for the quarter.

John Burke from the American Red Cross introduced Malachi Hindle and Malachi presented the Red Cross report. He discussed the expanded volunteer activity within the county, as well as exercise and disaster planning that is taking place within Pacific County on a renewed basis. John also discussed the renewal of food contracts within the county. He also discussed the work of James Clancy in recruiting shelter locations. Malachi also discussed the role of John Bageant in terms of house fire response. Deputy Director McDougall reported on positive feedback from the recent flood event.

Mary Atherton presented the CERT report. She highlighted the upcoming joint Pacific –Wahkiakum CERT Class. Chief Deputy Fritts stressed that we will help this time but we will not be supporting the Wahkiakum program on an ongoing basis.

Andrea Unger presented the WA Department of Ecology report. Commissioner Ayer asked for clarification on why we were seeing so many sinking boats and Ms. Unger provided a lesson on the factors that can lead to a boat sinking.

David Glasson reported on the progress of the Long Beach Berm project. He stated that the city was currently working with an engineering contractor. Following the engineering and geo-tech process the city will be looking for ways to fund the 12.5 % match. Chief Deputy Fritts would like this project on the agenda in perpetuity. Commissioner Ayers will also be advocating on behalf of the project with the legislator.

Chief Deputy Fritts also discussed the Federal disaster request from the storms in November. Pacific County will be included in that request due to damage suffered by the WDFW.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.