

OSSPAC MINUTES-DRAFT
May 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 50 at the Capitol.

OSSPAC Members Present:

Deborah Boone (briefly)	(Stakeholder: legislative assembly)
James Doane	(Stakeholder: Utilities)
Susan Steward	(Stakeholder: Building Owners)
Althea Turner	Oregon Emergency Management (State Agency)
Yumei Wang	DOGAMI (State agency: geology & mineral industries)
Kent Yu	(Stakeholder: structural engineer)

OSSPAC Members Absent:

Gerry Williams, Chair	CEM Research, Inc. (Public member)
Carl Farrington, Vice Chair	(Stakeholder: multi-family housing)
Rose Gentry	Department of Transportation (State Agency)
Fred Girod	(Stakeholder: legislative assembly)
Tom Manning	(Public Member)
Gary Milliman	(Stakeholder: local government)
Richard Rogers	Building Codes (State Agency)
Autumn Rudisel	Lewis & Clark Bank (Stakeholder: banking)
Chris Shirley	(State agency: land conservation and development)
Mark Tyler	(Stakeholder: school district/community college/university)

Others in Attendance:

Bev Hall	Oregon Emergency Management
Joe Johnson	Oregon Community College Association
Paulina Layton	Oregon Emergency Management
Diane Merten	Public
Al Newnam	Oregon Community College and Workforce Development
Randy Prince	Public
Robert Sechler	ODOT
Jay Wilson	Clackamas County Emergency Mgmt.

1. **Administrative Matters**

1a. **Welcome and Introductions**

Susan Steward, Acting Chair, opened the meeting and led introductions.

1b. **Review and Approval of Minutes for March 10, 2009**

Not having a quorum present, the minutes were tabled until July.

1c. **Unfinished Business - Vacancies**

Bev Hall thanked Diane Merten for her many years of service to OSSPAC. Jay Wilson has applied for her open position. Tom Manning has resigned as of June 30, 2009 and Beaverton Emergency Manager Michael Mumaw has applied for his position. The remaining open position is for the American Red Cross.

1d. **Events Notification**

Yumei Wang shared a brochure advertising the conference of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) to be held June 28-July 1 in Oakland, California. Yumei will be a presenter. She is currently the chair of the ASCE Technical Council on Lifeline Earthquake Engineering.

Yumei also announced that today (May 12) is the one year anniversary of the China earthquake.

Kent Yu said he is giving a presentation May 25 in Portland at the Governor's Hotel during the meeting of the Structural Engineers Association of Oregon.

September 28 and 29 are the dates for the Cannon Beach Tsunami Evacuation Building field trip and workshop, sponsored by CREW (Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup). (Yumei later emailed the Internet links to register).

1e. **Time and Location for July 14, 2009 Meeting**

Yumei offered the use of her building in Portland.

2. **OSSPAC Strategic Planning Committee – Susan Steward**

Speakers: Portland Emergency Manager Carmen Merlo and Planning Manager Patty Rueter gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Carmen Merlo spoke first about infrastructure. Portland has 155 bridges. Of those, 87 or 56% need seismic upgrades. In 1994 an assessment was done listing the top ten in most need of upgrading.

The top five are currently being addressed. The Burnside Bridge has had a retrofit to make it Portland's seismic lifeline route. The bridges are aging – 47 were built before 1950, with the Sellwood Bridge built in 1925. It needs to be replaced.

Portland has five open water reservoirs. The law now requires them to be covered. A large reservoir is being built at Powell Butte, with the intent to switch to it and do seismic upgrades on the older ones. The Bull Run Watershed is monitored to protect from landslides and examine any problems found. The Water Bureau also does a great job on the existing system, and has an emergency water distribution system in place.

Essential Services – Of the 30 fire stations in Portland, all have been retrofitted except two. All five police stations have been done. The BOEC was built to essential facility standards. One issue in fuel locations is that there is only one located on the west side of the river.

Patty Rueter then spoke on planning. In the last 15 years, COOP (Continuity of Operation Plan), WMD efforts and catastrophic planning wasn't in existence. Now planning is done for all hazards using the ICS structure. Planning for catastrophic events means considering stretched resources, lack of experience, and a big learning curve. Zone Management looks at risks and vulnerabilities in areas, and how to be able to stay in an area rather than all evacuate.

Every government entity now is required to have an EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) with annexes for specific needs. Questions asked when preparing their plan are why, what, when, who, how, and where – to cover all bases. Plans need interconnectivity, infrastructure strengthened, incentives for population preparation, relationship building, COOP, and believing that work is not futile, but an investment in sustainability.

In answer to a question, Carmen said that their office is now under the mayor's direction. He has an emergency management cabinet that includes city and county government.

3. OSSPAC Grants Committee – Jim Doane

Jim reported on the progress of the seismic grants. Rules are set and contracts are going forward. OSSPAC was turned down as a member of the grant selection committee. The main issue is money for bonds. Since May 15 is when the next revenue forecast is being issued, and OEM's Seismic Grant jobs are at the 10% cut line, Jim proposed a resolution be sent to the Governor and legislature reminding them of

the importance of these bonds, especially in light of the DOGAMI study of the schools and essential buildings, and the one year anniversary of the China earthquake that hit schools hard. Althea volunteered to draft the resolution and Jim would email it by the end of the day.

Cascadia Peril Update – Tabled.

4. OSSPAC Legislative Committee – Gary Milliman

Tabled until July

5. OSSPAC Education Committee – Yumei Wang

5a. Push for Seismic Bonds for Schools in 2009 Legislative Session

Paulina Layton's work as seismic grant coordinator at OEM and the Department of Education's website information was mentioned.

5b. Tsunami Building Evacuation Workshop September, 2009, and OSU's new tsunami testing facility.

Yumei mentioned that there will be a speaker from Japan for the workshop, and OSU was mentioned as a possible field trip for OSSPAC members.

5c. NW Portland Hub for Energy Infrastructure

Yumei distributed a handout on a proposal concept for research of this area regarding seismic vulnerabilities.

5d. Summary of House Bill 2013

Discussion was held on this bill regarding a taskforce for school facilities, but DOGAMI has already studied this issue.

5e. Status Updates

Yumei handed out an overview of the Central Italy earthquake done by Kent and Yumei. A memo to OSSPAC was distributed from Vicki McConnell. It regarded the recent meeting in Seattle of the Pacific NW Seismic Network and suggested inviting the two administrators of the network to OSSPAC to brief Commissioners of their activities.

Adjourn

Having no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.