



## Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC)

Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2022

### **OSSPAC Members Present:**

<i>Tiffany Brown, Chair</i>	<i>Local Government Stakeholder</i>
<i>Trent Nagele, Vice Chair</i>	<i>Structural Engineer Stakeholder</i>
<i>David Gomberg</i>	<i>Representative Legislative Assembly</i>
<i>Dick Anderson</i>	<i>Representative Legislative Assembly</i>
<i>Lesley Ogden</i>	<i>First Responder Stakeholder</i>
<i>Bonnie Magura</i>	<i>Schools Stakeholder</i>
<i>Joe Karney</i>	<i>Utilities Stakeholder</i>
<i>Ed MacMullan</i>	<i>Banking Stakeholder</i>
<i>Adam Pushkas</i>	<i>Building Owners Stakeholder</i>
<i>Susan Romanski</i>	<i>Public Member</i>
<i>Katie Young</i>	<i>Public Member</i>
<i>Elizabeth Safran</i>	<i>Public Member</i>
<i>Christina LeClerc</i>	<i>State agency: ODOT</i>
<i>Althea Rizzo</i>	<i>State agency: OEM</i>

### **OSSPAC Members Absent:**

<i>Matt Crall</i>	<i>Department of Land Conservation and Development</i>
<i>Meg Reed</i>	<i>Department of Land Conservation and Development</i>
<i>Jonathan Allan</i>	<i>DOGAMI</i>
<i>Aeron Teverbaugh</i>	<i>State Agency: DCBS</i>
<i>Carolina Gomez</i>	<i>Multifamily Housing Stakeholder</i>

### **Others in Attendance:**

<i>Nancy Hiser</i>	<i>CEI Hub Neighborhood Resilience</i>
<i>Shawn Looney</i>	<i>CEI Hub Neighborhood Resilience</i>
<i>Aliana Mayfield</i>	<i>OEM</i>
<i>Doug Toomey</i>	<i>University of Oregon</i>
<i>James Bela</i>	<i>Citizen</i>
<i>Lauren Wirtess</i>	
<i>Meg Reed</i>	<i>DLCD</i>
<i>Scott Smith</i>	<i>DEQ</i>

## **1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **a/b. Welcome and Introductions**

- *Brown opened the meeting; Rizzo led roll call*
- *Brown Welcomed/introduced Senator Anderson*

### **c. Review and Approval of Minutes from January meeting**



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- *Minutes were approved by motion, as distributed.*

**d. Events Notification**

- Rizzo: Several online courses through OEM on ATC course's, seismic retrofits for hospitals along with other related topics.
- Gomberg: Lincoln County Sheriff's office conducting a series of public information gatherings regarding earthquakes, tsunamis and wildfires.
- Brown: Lincoln County there will be a Cascadia Rising exercise the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June.

**e. New Business (none)**

**f. July OSSPAC meeting**

- The July meeting will be in-person depending on finding a location. To be announced.

## 2. REPORTS

**a. State Agencies**

**ODOT (Christina LeClerc):**

- Putting together projects to apply for the infrastructure bill
- Finalizing the Debry removal project from the 2020 wildfires with an after-action report to follow

**DLCD (Meg Reed):**

- New Director: Dr. Brenda Bateman
- Staff have started back in office/along with several new staff
- Working on climate friendly and equitable communities, rulemaking, transportation planning and other climate change related work
- Going for adoption before commission this month

**OEM (Althea Rizzo/Alaina Mayfield):**

- OEM will become its own agency July 1
- OEM will be moving facilities but staying in Salem; the ECC will remain at the current location in the Anderson Readiness Center for now. Ultimately, would like to build a building that is seismically resilient to house the new Department of Emergency Management
- Continuing work on Be 2 weeks ready program. Tentatively to launch Jan.26<sup>th</sup> 2023



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- Have participated in some of the Cascadia Rising exercises and will continue to participate
- Discussing OEM offering a space for in-person OSSPAC meetings

### **b. State Resilience Officer:**

- *Review of Legislative session outcomes*
  - HB 2927: OMD, OEM will become their own department. Oregon State Fire Marshall will be come its own Agency
  - Two new Councils be formed
    - Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Council (11 members)
    - Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (16 members)
    - Applications for positions on these councils are due by May 26th
  - HB 5202: Infrastructure Bill
    - Over \$1.2 billion allocated for infrastructure
    - Funding for general obligating, lottery, federal limitations and general fun dollars
    - Communities were given funding to upgrade their wastewater, sewage and drinking water systems
    - Funding given to help recovery of the 2020 wildfires
    - 16-18 counties were funded about \$1-2 million for fairground upgrades
    - Coos Bay was given funding for the bay
    - Newport was given funding for their seawall
  - Transportation Regional Resilience Assessment Program (RRAP)
    - ODOT GIS Section
    - Data is free in the Geo space Library
    - Gathering additional mapping to share with the communities, counties, airport managers, riverports and seaports managers
  - Infrastructure Investment Job Act (IIJA)
    - Governor established council to disperse money for a 5-year period
    - Year 1 is to set the table
    - Year 2,3,4,5 is when the bulk funding will be coming into key state agencies.
    - Working with community-based organizations and stake holders to continue in making investments in the Oregon infrastructure

### **3. Public Comment**



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a. James Bela: Concerns that there are going to be financial hardship for families preparing for the 2 Weeks Ready program. Suggest list on shopping bags or reference lists of some type.

b. Steve Robinson: Also stated a related concern regarding the 2 weeks ready program, and suggested some type of reference list or questionnaires on a website that families can find easily.

*Rizzo and Brown responded with letting the group know that this is an ongoing program that is still being built and there are a lot of tools that will be available to help families prepare.*

#### 4. **Topic: 2022 CEI HUB/Linnton Neighborhood Association | Nancy Hiser & Shawn Looney**

- SB1567 has come through. The Multnomah County and City report about seismic risk which was published in January 2022 and was the most comprehensive, diagnostic and impactful report to date on the risk and protentional mitigation of the Hub
- Following the County and City reports a letter has written been to Multnomah County Officials and City Officials asking them to exercise some authority for mitigation
- Meeting Scheduled with Multnomah County
- Copy of letter has been posted to 82 neighborhood organization-based groups

#### **Discussion**

Romanski asked if they could give some examples of some of the mitigation actions that you're hoping the city and county will consider and also what you all have done in addition to the fire wise program that you feel is a bright spot-on example of how the community group is organizing themselves to be prepared.

Hiser responded that they are part of the NET group (Neighborhood Emergency team) where outreach and education are the main priority. They have received funding from the Portland Bureau of emergency management to provide 50 to go backpacks to giveaway, publicized a newsletter which comes out every two months with preparedness tips, and distribute neighborhood NET news, which comes out monthly with topics on preparedness. They speak at Linnton neighborhood association meetings and try to build social connections. Linnton is composed of multiple neighborhoods many of which are on hills divided by ravines, so they anticipate functional islands following a catastrophic event. For this reason, those communities need to be able to pull together so they are trying to build social connection dependence on neighborhoods.

#### 5. **Topic: 2023 Legislative Initiatives & Discussion**



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### Representative David Gomberg

- Legislator will not convene again until early 2023
- Two elections between now and early 2023
- Committee rooms in the capital are in the process of undergoing seismic renovations along with the whole capital undergoing renovations
- Now is the process of beginning to submit bill concepts to legislative council, when the proposals come back then begin looking for co-sponsors and line up process to be heard in committee and move to the floor to vote on
- Two proposals moving forward:
  - Bill proposed to put grant dollars aside to help the 11 hospitals along the coast upgrade their water and fuel supplies, so they are better prepared to support their communities
  - Bill proposed to intergrade Emergency Education into our school's curriculum at least one day a year.

### Representative Dick Anderson

- Supports the proposed bill to bring Emergency Education into our schools' curriculum

### Discussion

Betsy Emry from Merkley's office shared guidance from the infrastructure and investments in Jobs Act, which includes several resiliency-oriented funds, especially for coastal communities. <https://www.cantwell.senate.gov>

- What is happening on the North Coast with the resiliency project?
- The three North Coast hospitals were the first to be addressed
- Maps were created for the hospitals and met with them that indicated their tsunami risk and what they might do as well as maps that show the greater reach it there could be greater hospital region and the community assets that they might lean on
- All the hospital publications are available on the Oregon Health Authority Webpage as well as all but one report is available on the DOGAMI website

### 6. Topic: ShakeAlert early earthquake warning system | Doug Toomey, UO Hazards Lab Director

- Goal of ShakeAlert is to reduce impact on earthquakes, save lives and properties in the United States by developing early warning detection on the West Coast
- Seismic Sensors deliver data 24/7, 365 days a year



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- From last year we have gone from 62% to 82% of the build out across the pacific northwest
- Will be complete with the build out in 2023
- In 2021 we had public roll out in the state of Oregon
- OR Short session awarded 4.5M to UP for ALERTWildfire
- ShakeAlert is now Live across the West Coast
- 3 ways to get Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), make sure that wireless emergency alerts are enabled on your phone, QuakeAlertUSA app and MyShake app
- City of Albany Oregon are using alerts to automatically shut off water valves
- Providence Hospital in Medford is the first hospital in the Northwest to formally adopt ShakeAlert
- ShakeAlert learning resources can be found at IRIS.edu

### 7. Topic: OSSPAC Vacant Stakeholder Position | SRO Mike Harryman

- Farewell to Ed MacMullan
- What Kind of stakeholder position would benefit the commission?
  - Group make suggestions to Mike about what kind of stakeholder would be good for the commission
  - Suggestions of a culture specific population stakeholder to bring to the group things that we might be missing on the outside
  - Suggestion of someone who can bring the economic impact to the group.

### 9. Topic: Annual report | Tiffany Brown

Brown asked for edits/feedback regarding the report, and advised she was trying to find a resource to assist with publication. There were no changes.

**Adjourn**