



**Linn County
Multi-Jurisdictional
Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**



AGENDA

**Tuesday, November 21, 2023
1:00 PM– 2:30 PM
Basement Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse
300 Fourth Avenue SW, Albany, Oregon**

Meeting Notes

Welcome and Introductions (Alyssa Boles, Linn County Planning Director)

10 minutes

Katherine Daniel – DLCD
Kate Bentz – Linn County Planning
Alyssa Boles – Linn County Planning
Matt Straite – City of Millersburg
Shane Wooton – Albany Fire Department and Linn Co Fire Defense Board
Erik Anderson – Linn County Public Health
Kevin Hamilton – Linn County Road Department
Ric Lentz – Linn County Emergency Management
Emerson Marsh - Linn County Emergency Management
Michelle Eldgridge – City of Harrisburg
Scott McDowell – City of Brownsville
Elizabeth Coleman – City of Brownsville
Daineal Malone – Linn County Road Department

Updates on the CWPP process (Kate Bentz, Linn County Associate Planner)

The County has held steering committee meetings, a city input meeting, a community group input meeting, a meeting with the County Fire Defense Board. Currently working on risk assessment and got the final major data source for risk assessment, which was used in conjunction with fire district input to identify specific mapping points. The County is working with local partners to update action items, and also working on finalizing a draft plan and action items. The draft plan will be distributed to all partners who have engaged. There is a public input meeting scheduled in December for all county residents to attend. Cities are encouraged to engage their local citizens to attend. After that meeting, final approval from the required groups (Board of Commissioners, ODF, LCFDB) is needed, along with final Board adoption.

NHMP project overview (Katherine Daniel, DLCD Planner)

- What entities can be plan holders? What is the result of the process?
- What are the tasks in the NHMP update process?
- Why does your jurisdiction or district want to participate in the NHMP update?

The NHMP is intended to serve plan holders – cities, counties, and special districts. Steering committee is comprised of the County and cities within Linn County. Task list for the update can be found in the IGA. Cost share - FEMA provides 75% of cost, with 25% local match. (OEM had additional funding to cover cost share, so tracking participant hours should not be necessary. Katherine Daniel is confirming with OEM that this is still the case.). Plan holders will be expected to provide data and information for the plan, particularly for the local mitigation strategies. Looking for engagement with interested parties (council members, commissioners, etc. within each jurisdiction). Public engagement program – FEMA wants to know that public participation is provided with a wide range of perspectives. Will need the committee to review the draft plan update and provide input and feedback. County and cities will be obligated to adopt the Plan once FEMA indicates it's approvable. DLCD is going to organize, lead, and manage the plan supported by Linn County staff. It is important to have an NHMP to qualify for FEMA grant funding, along with identifying ways to support community resilience.

Steering Committee

- Who will do what? Scope of Work review, IGAs.
- What will the schedule be? Discussion.
- How will we make decisions? Discussion.

There will be 5-7 meetings over the course of the year. Some small group meetings, plus some larger meetings, some county specific. Spend some time supporting public engagement process – free public events for outreach, social media, public surveys. Review drafts prepared by DLCD. Keep elected officials aware of what's going on in the process and up to adoption.

Katherine Daniel will develop a schedule. **Assign some homework – all plan holders should review the current Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, especially their city addendum.** The current city addenda can be accessed on Box: <https://dlcd.box.com/s/19w9yi7io9zmxdmr8gfu8iy02ofbl9ov>. The main plan can be accessed on the County Website: <https://www.linncountyor.gov/planningbuilding/page/natural-hazard-mitigation-plan>.

The IGA talks about cost share, but Katherine doesn't want cities to sign if cost share doesn't need to be done. DLCD will redraft the IGA with applicable tasks. The committee will look at ways to serve underrepresented people (based on an EO from the US President to FEMA). The committee will assess risks of other hazards (including fire, but that is primarily covered as part of the CWPP). DOGAMI is contracted to prepare a multi-hazard risk assessment for DLCD. OCCRI report for climate change projections will be considered as well. Risk can also be assessed based on community experience (winter storms, ice storms, wind storms – engagement from partners can help with this). Will then move into mitigation strategy and plan maintenance. Don't want the plan to be a "shelfie." More opportunity for public engagement to follow on the full document.

Showed the CWPP/NHMP update schedule (found in the Box). Will be working through the end of 2024, schedule is flexible and not set in stone. Suggestion was a doodle poll – meetings possibly 1st or 3rd week of each month preferred, later in the week. Possibly have meeting set up as hybrid meeting in considering small city travel times.

Steering committee is composed of plan holders. Steering Committee will make decisions. Will listen to parties and partners, but decision is ultimately up to the steering committee. Preference is to reach agreement on updates on a consensus basis.

Interested parties and partners

What entities are missing from a whole community approach? How will we give them an opportunity to participate in the process?

Interested parties include neighboring communities, local and regional agencies, agencies that regulate development., business, academia and other non-profit, utilities, watershed councils, school districts, hospitals, homeless advocacy groups. The option is available to invite the public to committee meetings or have an input section on the agenda on some of the meetings. Maybe have public input meetings at certain points – when feedback is needed on risk assessment – maybe 3rd meeting and 6th meeting, but not all meetings.

How will we operate?

- In person, online, or hybrid? - *Katherine Daniel commits to setting up Steering Committee meetings for hybrid participation.*
- Publicly noticed? Room for public input at certain points?
- Meeting Notes: *Thank you, Alyssa.*

Key features of an efficient update process (FEMA Review Tool overview)

- Focused rather than broad, mitigation strategy for each hazard identified by each juris.
- Scientific basis of fact to support mitigation strategy.
- Public engagement – County web page? Survey? In person events like Preparedness Fairs
- Communicating - Using Box, preparing to provide comments when drafts are ready for steering committee review and that of interested parties as well.

Be focused rather than broad, think locally. Hopefully, the committee can focus on things that are really important to get done and cost dollars to do. Specific actions can be better implemented. An efficient update should have a scientific basis in fact. Spend some time understanding the DOGAMI report – does it help us become more focused? OCCRI – change in climate acting as an amplifier – fires, weather patterns (wind/ice storms) are changing as a result. Public engagement – key to getting approval by FEMA – make sure vulnerable people and underserved people have the ability to participate. Will use Box for NHMP data share, exchange, edit/update, central location, and communication. Katherine will provide a Box tutorial.

Next Steps (*homework Read the plan, Kate Notes, Katherine IGAs and Box*)

Katherine will follow up with an email after the meeting.