

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

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Project: Lewis County HMP Update

Date: May 24, 2022
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm on Zoom

RE: Lewis County HMP Steering Committee Meeting #2

1. Attendance

Steering Committee Member	Agency	Present
Ross McDowell (Chair)	Lewis County EM	X
Josh Metcalf	Lewis County Public Works	X
Mindy Brooks	Lewis County Community Development	X
Erika Katt (A)	Lewis County EM	X
Lee Napier (A)	Lewis County Community Development	X
Emil Pierson	City of Centralia	X
Hillary Hoke	City of Centralia	X
Andy Caldwell (A)	City of Centralia	
Celest Wilder	City of Chehalis	X
Brandon Rakes (Vice Chair)	City of Chehalis	X
Tammy Baraconi (A)	City of Chehalis	
Bill Teitzel	Port of Chehalis	
Amie Smith	LCWD #2	X
Cheryl Haywood	Timberland Regional Library	X
Shane Moore	Citizen	
Ryan Thode	Farm Bureau	X
John Hannah	Morton School District	
Bob Amrine	LC Conservation District	
Planning Partnership	Agency	
None		
Consultant Team		
Christina Wollman		
Rob Flaner		
Hannah Hayrich		

2. The Steering/Planning Committee Organization

- The SC discussed the ground rules. The County's PIO (Austin) is leaving the county. In the meantime, Ross or Erika will serve as the PIO.
- Quorum has changed to 8.
- Committee members suggested that public comments be added into these meetings under agenda item #3.

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3. Plan Review

- Vision Statement

- The SC broke into two small groups to discuss vision, and came together and agreed on the following vision, which will be added onto the agenda for future meetings:
 - Empower communities to reduce risks associated with natural and manmade hazards to sustain life, health, safety, welfare, and economy of Lewis County

- Goals

- The SC reviewed the previous plan goals and made some suggestions for new goals. The SC discussed and identified three revised goals:
 - Increase public awareness of natural hazards and enhance education, outreach, and partnership efforts.
 - Minimize injuries and loss of life, property damage, infrastructure, environmental impact, and economic loss caused by natural disasters.
 - Support local capacity building that enables the whole community to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

- Critical Facilities Definition

- The current plan does not have a definition. The SC choose a definition based on FEMA lifelines. The SC discussed and agreed on the following definition:

A structure, facility or other improvement that, because of its function, service area, or uniqueness, provides service that enables the continuous operation of critical business and government functions, and is critical to human health and safety, or economic security. For the purposes of this hazard mitigation plan, the following categories of lifelines are defined as critical facilities:

- Safety and Security—Law enforcement/security, search and rescue, fire services, government service, responder safety, and imminent hazard mitigation
- Food, Water and Shelter—Evacuations, schools, food/potable water, shelter, durable goods, water infrastructure and agriculture
- Health and Medical—Medical care (hospitals), patient movement, public health, fatality management, health care and supply chain
- Energy—Power (grid), temporary power and fuel
- Communications—Infrastructure, alerts, warnings, messages, 911 and dispatch, responder communications and financial services
- Transportation—Highway/roadway, mass transit, railway, aviation, maritime and pipeline
- Hazardous Materials—Facilities, hazardous debris, pollutants and contaminants

5. Action Items and Next Steps

- Christina provided an update on the status of the Hazus analysis. The consultant team is still gathering information before the analysis can be started.

6. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 2:50.