

July 20, 2016
Meeting Summary Notes

This is follow up to our meeting on February 9, 2016 with Gabriela Goldfarb from the Governors' Office. We discussed forming a landslide workgroup to foster better communication and collaboration on landslide risk reduction in Oregon.

Attendees:

ODF: Mike Buren – steep slopes related to harvest
DEQ: Ryan Michie – water quality, watershed division – working issues with sedimentation
DLCD: Steve Lucker (phone) – risk map coordinator for the state
ODOT: Jamie Schick (for Curran Mohny) - unstable slopes and rockslide slopes
DOGAMI: Bill Burns – works on landslides
GEO: Theresa Burcsu – framework coordinator

The goals of this first informal meeting are:

- 1) Develop an agenda for our first meeting
- 2) Figure out who are the correct representatives from each agency and which agencies/entities are we missing.

Brainstorm to come up with answers for the 2 goals.

What does this group want to get done?

CREW is (Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup) was mentioned as a model <http://www.crew.org/> Also mentioned was The Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC)

<https://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/osspace/osspace.aspx>

Once a year they hold a forum – 1-2 day workshop to communicate.

Group said this sounds like a good idea and maybe include the university groups.

The biggest part is communicate. All groups make their own landslide maps, maybe this committee gets in depth about methods we are using and sharing the information.

The GEO framework mentioned as possible structure, they have a focus and structure and a history of collaboration. Ideas for communication and making things happen and grant options.

Ideas: Focus on data making it a hub. Mapped data is powerful for communication. End users are public, look at SLIDO hits - keeping track of them and use of the

data. Get input from end users. Data discoverable – where is the best data. Some sort of way for communities to know the data is out there.

Discussed making a webpage outline everything we have and include stuff we are working on. Project specific would help – spatially what is published. Topics to be discussed hub of information – clearinghouse would be a great resource. More detailed for Oregon.

Discussed projects or education needs to be done in large scale public safety realm? Recommend what the agencies work on. OSSPAC resilience plan – very detailed that contains a prioritized list of what they think should be worked on. Mitigation actions and opportunities. Federal agencies that would be interested in this information.

Talked about State requirements for due diligence. Know where it is required by county and state levels. Forum to discuss those policy recommendations. Consistent statewide policies. Consolidate all the current rules and make a recommendation. Mine fields policy and procedures around landslide?

Statewide hazards – land use overlay of what. Get higher ups to buy off on that. Further review area map. Public safety review – define. State rule says you have to do these things in a further review but not map, just language. Let's make the maps to match it or start over.

Discussion: Policy knowledge is sometimes a different person than who knows the data. Do we need a board, a chair, smaller group oversees a larger group. How often do we want to meet? Maybe start at the bottom and move out to larger groups depending on what is being worked on. DEQ has to have a charter, elements and a sponsor (champion) who shuttles it through the administrators. Maybe at the Governor's office. Executive team with one being the sponsor. Provide ownership of the items that need to get done.

Framework program has been in existence for 15 years. Build statewide data layers. Build the groups together that build the data sets to build them consistently so they can come together easily. Structure Governing Council, DLCD, GEO, Polk County, City government and other agencies. Serves the expert body to make sure data is meeting the needs of agencies and outside public entities. 15 different groups, within those groups have leaders that organize the stakeholders that fits into the broader structures. Key things collaborative work, engagement key to success, forums to introduce new things, emails sent out to groups to provide input. Across agencies and multiple governments and universities.

One vision is the group is subset under Steve to provide feedback to the larger group. This could be a way to access people in other groups. Bill mentioned that Cy Smith said this was an existing structure that we could tap.

Questions: How often should we be meeting, how long 10 year or permanent, duties, time commitment?

Identify the scope of work to help identify before any other questions are decided. Create a charter before it moves forward. Need sponsor for this group. Do we put out a draft charter and look for a sponsor or put it out to department heads? Maybe a sponsor from a specific agency maybe not have a lot of influence on others. Maybe Gabriela be the sponsor or help with finding a sponsor.

It would help with getting the agencies together. Getting a group together to help identify stuff and that could spawn off other groups that takes it up. Flushing those ideas out to put a grant out there. Question came up about POP and being over multiple agencies, which would come from the Governor's office. Maybe Gabriela is the appropriate person. Worth having another meeting to flush out specific targets to take to Gabriella with first outline of charter.

Are we reinventing something that's already out there. Is there a group still out there working on the earthquake issue and do we fit in. Landslides still be worked on out there. Interagency Hazards Mitigation Team (IHMT) discuss all hazards – maybe send a member from the group to attend their meetings to let them know about the group. Figure out if we fit in with the other groups and build on what they have done or overlap. Explore the charter, find out a list of others out there to see what they are doing and how do we mesh. What our goals are and activities (clearinghouse). Talked about Silver Jackets related to floods. Emergency response team (core group) that goes out and looks at events and evaluate them. Landslides – respond to them. What does FEMA do? Approach projects about watershed, touch points with communities. Floodplain mapping, hazard mitigation plan – 5 year cycle, and occasionally money available to work on projects. More along the Emergency Response team – who comes to evaluate it – who responds. Probably OEM would be involved. Having a list of people who can evaluate the problem – playbook. Someone they can call to determine the situation. State, county and USGS came in as command center.

Outlining a plan would be good. Prioritize the list and put it in the charter. Focus the larger group on one task and put the other ideas on the list. Having a focused task keeps it a collaborative effort. Establish a better communication between us and create a clearing house and forums. Primary goal to start with.

Next meeting who should attend to come up with charter – Gabriela? Concept charter to come up with scope of goal and objective of what we do.

Talked about website that someone can go to and find out who would all be involved – feds (USGS) and request them to be in our group. Question about how does feds let you know what they are working on. Maybe good rationale to have them in the group and put out a standing invite to universities. Thesis topics. It might be helpful to come up with a vision to define the scope and boundaries. For next meeting a vision statement and description of each of the topics. Ryan (?) happy to share charter format to come up with something. Foster communication, collaboration and landslide risk reduction. ODF can't stop a landslide but their effect. Risk reduction and awareness – communication. Skeleton of charter – Bill.

Are we missing any agencies that should be at the next meeting? Feds - USGS? State agencies all the natural resources are here maybe ODA or OEM? Maybe Parks? Forestry represent the industrial landowners or consulting communities. Washington County? Do we invite non-public employees to these meetings? A smaller group to start out and then add maybe 1 or 2 until after meeting with Gabriela. Send charter examples to Bill and maybe give him name and emails for their groups. Maybe a meeting with Gabriela sometime in the fall. Bill had proposed to Brad to have it up and running by next June. Draft charter together with meeting in fall with Gabriela. Asked about funding issues for time to get things done. Resources needed in about a year to determine how much might need to be spent. Good discussion.

Possible Tasks:

Data hub of information

Create webpage - clearinghouse

Public safety real – mitigation actions ad opportunities

Consistent statewide policies – state requirements for due diligence

Statewide hazards – land use overlay – further review area map

Emergency response team - a list of people who can evaluate the problem –
playbook.