

# **MEETING SUMMARY**



**Date/Time of Meeting:** Thursday, May 10, 2018, 10:00 AM to noon

Location: Tribal Hall

Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Santa Ynez, CA 93460

**Subject:** Steering Committee No.3

**Project Name:** SYBCI Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan

In Attendance Attendees: Willie Wyatt, Teresa Romero, Paul Swift, Lisa Figueroa, Sam

(See Attachment):

Planning Team: Rob Flaner, Paul Swift, Teresa Romero

Not Present: N/A

**Summary Prepared by:** Rob Flaner (02/31/2018)

Quorum – Yes or No Yes

Item Action

#### Welcome and Introductions, Review Agenda

- Mr. Willie Wyatt, Tribal Administrator, opened the meeting and facilitated group introductions.
- Mr. Rob Flaner, Hazard Mitigation Program Manager from Tetra Tech facilitated the balance of the meeting. Tetra Tech is the contractor hired by the SYBCI to facilitate the plan update.
- Distributed handouts included: Agenda, Meeting # 2 summary, Goal setting exercise results, example critical facility definitions, example hazard mitigation survey
- The agenda was reviewed and no modifications were made.
- No members of the public were present

### **Planning Process**

- Meeting summary from SC meeting # 2 was reviewed and approved by the SC.
- The final mission/vision statement for the plan was approved for posting to the website.

#### **Risk Assessment Data Needs**

 Rob informed the SC that the date has been set for the field survey work to define the asset inventory for the Tribe. Stephen





Veith from Tetra tech will be on the reservation June 4<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>, conducting filed surveys of structures and facilities on the reservation. This survey work will support the risk assessment for the plan. Willie Wyatt will send out a letter to all tribal members letting them know that this survey work will be going on, and will also accompany Stephen during his survey.

- Willie to send out notice to tribal members about filed survey
- Rob stated that the risk assessment team was still gathering data for the risk assessment. The team will need parcel ID's for all fee lands off the reservation. Willie provided the data in hard copy at the meeting.
- Rob also stated that structural information on the Casino will also be important for the risk assessment. Rob asked who would be the best resource for this information. It was suggested by the SC that Tetra tech reach out Greg Lowe for this information. It was also suggested that Tetra tech look at some of the environmental documents prepared for the Casino, to see if they contained data that could be used to model the casino.
- Planning team to reach out to Greg Lowe and review environmental documents for information on the Casino.
- Rob also asked about any available historic data such as photos or surveyed high-watermark data on any of the hazard events impacting the reservation. Sam Cohen suggested looking at the flood section of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) that was prepared for the casino. Sam stated that he would provide a digital link to the study to Rob.

Sam to provide digital link to Casino EIS

# <u>Goals</u>

Rob stated that 8 SC members completed the goal setting exercise. A handout that illustrated the 18 goal statements that received the most support. The SC reviewed those statements and narrowed the list down to 5 goals for the plan as follows:

- Encourage highly sustainable and resilient development that protects the natural environment and promotes the health and safety of the community.
- Minimize threat to life and property from hazards
- Promote an adaptive and resilient Tribe that responds proactively to the anticipated impacts of climate change.
- Minimize or reduce the impacts of flooding, wildfire, earthquakes and power failure on Tribal lands, Reservation residents and Tribal members through the implementation and integration of primary mitigation activities in to Tribal government and land use activities.
- Reduce the possibility of damage and loss to existing Tribal assets from natural and man-made disasters; including Tribal businesses,



Tribal Governments and Tribal program offices, as well as critical infrastructure systems and facilities and important cultural and natural resources.

#### **Tribal Critical Facilities/Infrastructure**

Under this segment, Rob discussed the importance of defining critical facilities and infrastructure for a hazard mitigation planning effort. 44 CFR Section 201.6 44 states, in part, that a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Risk Assessment shall provide a description of the jurisdictions' vulnerability to the identified hazards of concern. This vulnerability should be described in terms of the types and numbers of existing and future buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities located in the identified hazard areas. The law does not specify or define the term "Critical Facility". The reason is this term should be defined by the planning process. Each planning effort should identify and define those facilities and infrastructure that are critical to providing emergency services to the planning area. These definitions can and should be unique to the defined planning area.

A handout was provided that showed example critical facility definitions from other tribal and local hazard mitigation plans in California. After reviewing these examples, The SC identified the following definition for the SYBCI THMP:

Critical Facility: Facilities and infrastructure that are critical to the health and welfare of the population. These become especially important after any hazard event occurs. For the purposes of this plan, critical facilities include:

- Tribal owned facilities such as department, agency, council facilities, and administrative offices that provide essential services to the Klamath People.
- Emergency response facilities needed for disaster response and recovery, including, but not limited to: public safety buildings; emergency services located in other Tribal offices; emergency operations centers; emergency supply storage facilities, and low income, emergency shelter(s), and tribally owned residential structures.
- Medical and health facilities used during both emergency response or in the normal course of business.
- Facilities that may be used to house or shelter disaster victims.



- Public and private utilities and infrastructure vital to maintaining or restoring normal services to the areas damaged by the disaster.
- Community gathering places, including culturally significant areas, parks and open spaces, community centers, and meeting halls.
- Structures or facilities that produce, use, or store highly volatile, flammable, explosive, toxic, and/or water-reactive materials.
- Cultural sites or facilities that are vitally important to maintaining the Tribes' cultural history, language, and traditions, such as burial grounds, archaeological sites, and artifact storage facilities.
- On or off reservation sites that provide economic resources for the tribe.

## **Public Involvement Strategy**

Teresa provided the SC an update on the status of the website. The website is up and running and can be accessed at: <a href="https://syceo.org/hazardmitigation/">https://syceo.org/hazardmitigation/</a>

This site will become the home for all things related to this planning effort. Rob requested that some sort of press release go out announcing the website on the overall planning effort. Willie mentions that 2/3 of all tribal members are accessible via e-mail and that tribe maintains an e-mail contact list. This would be an excellent way to announce these planning milestones. Teresa agreed to take the lead advertising the website

Next, Rob discussed the possibility of doing a Hazard Mitigation survey and part of the public involvement strategy for the plan. Rob explained that surveys are effective ways to engage the public and they can provide good bio-feedback to the SC. The SC reviewed a sample survey from a local planning effort in N. California. After reviewing the sample survey, the SC determined that they wanted to do a survey for this planning effort. Several edits were suggested for the example that would tailor the survey to more of the Tribe's interest. Rob stated the he would create a survey based on these edits for the SC to review and approve at the next meeting

Teresa to distribute an e-mail to tribal members announcing the website and planning process.

Rob to draft a survey based on suggested edits for approval at the next meeting



# Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 PM

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 14, 2018, at the Tribal Hall; from 10:00 AM to noon.



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