



Jefferson County All-Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee

2nd Qtr. Business Meeting - MINUTES

May 3, 2022 • 0900 – 1100

Jefferson County Admin Courts Building, 100 Jefferson County Pkwy, Golden (lower level - The Lookout Mountain Room)

Meeting goals:

Shape the AHMAC Business Framework

Review Mitigation Projects

Discuss next steps

- Welcome, Roll Call and Background
- 2023 Local Mitigation Planning Policy Update by Erika Roberts
 - On April 19, 2022, FEMA updated the State and Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guides (policies). The policies are the official interpretation of the mitigation planning requirements in the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), as amended and other federal statutes as well as in federal regulations, specifically Title 44 CFR Part 201- Mitigation Planning. The policies become effective for all mitigation plan approvals starting on April 19, 2023. Discuss AHMAC Business Framework
 - Chair Nomination
 - Responsibilities, staff support/SME, annual report
 - Rotating chair & co-chair
 - By-Laws
 - Discussed defining, at minimum, the following:
 - Roberts Rules, voting, non-voting participants, active participation, proxy, adding and removing projects, annual reporting, etc.
 - Defining what is quorum to the AHMAC – It was noted that 50% was adequate.
 - A comment was made concerning, participation. All members were nominated/recommended by an executive staff person within their agency. Those recommendations were put forth to the BCC, and the BCC adopted said members into resolution as part of their Boards and Commissions. If participants are not participating – it is public record; Participating is important to fight for constituents
 - All votes considering policy will require a vote



- Will meet at min annually for HMP update
- Next meeting the following motions need to be voted upon after a quorum has been achieved:
 - By-laws
 - Rotating Chair & Co-Chair
 - How is a vote called? The majority of membership attending the meeting
 - What defines a member in good standing?
- Project Tracking and Reporting
 - Jeffco OEM is developing a Monday.com project tracking platform for all AHMAC members to update project status
 - Planning to integrate a public facing project tracking board into the HMP landing page (accountability)
 - This will allow ease of annual reporting to the BCC, State and FEMA when needed, and integrating progress status and notes into the HMP update.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan AHMAC Member Project Updates
 - Lookout Mountain – needs support in identifying funding opportunities; Arvada shared that they sought guidance from the State that projects can be pursued in phases
 - Elk Creek and Inter-canyon – combined wildfire resources – first collaborative project was the CWPP update; established a community ambassador program – as momentum is gained, leverage opportunities.
 - Arvada – HM grant planning grant continuing to move forward; mitigation action item – city wide vegetation management program (drainage ways) – exploring to expand flood and fire risk; opportunity to bring in other lifeline partners
 - Open Space – Received a grant through CDPHE’s Front Range Diversion Program to obtain a large grinder for the community-wide slash program; Forest Health Plan moving forward; A micro-rock hazard was recently been identified at Dinosaur Ridge - concerns that it could damage heritage resources
 - Jeffco CWPP Update (to include an Evacuation Annex) is being incorporated into an integrated planning effort that includes the Comprehensive Master Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and associated planning documents.
 - Bergen Ditch and Reservoir Polly Deane Dam Project



- Many of you are familiar with the seepage concern surrounding the Polly Deane Dam back in 2019. Since then an engineer analysis and remedial action planning was initiated (and is currently ongoing) funded through another FEMA grant program. The Dam owners have started the exploratory discussion surrounding asking the County to sponsor the application.
- Jefferson Conservation District (all on private lands)
 - 380 acres of active forestry projects right now, to be completed in 2022 or 2023
 - 350 acres of forestry projects in the planning stages, to be completed in 2023 or 2024
 - 200 acres of forestry projects in the outreach stage; TBD if/when landowners will commit to implementing a project, and if funding can be found
 - FEMA applications: JCD applied to HMA and BRIC; should find out in summer 2022.
- COSWAP Update – The Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP) was created after the devastating 2020 fire season by the Colorado legislature through the bi-partisan supported SB21-258 in the summer of 2021. A collaborative working group, including Open Space (JCOS) are applying (along with Elk Creek Fire Protection District) to the Colorado Division of Natural Resources for a \$1 million Landscape Scale Fuels Reduction Program grant from the Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP). If the COSWAP grant is awarded, it will fund a county-wide approach including an inventory and risk assessment, forest fuels reduction on JCOS and private lands, roadside fuels reduction, and implementing defensible space around structures.
- Other – A question was asked about planning for post-disaster recovery. Hal provided an overview of the recent Jeffco Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan re-write and how the organization outlines within dovetails with the development of post-disaster long-term recovery strategies
- Next Steps
 - By-laws and associated business approvals
 - Monday.com project tracking platform
 - Discussion of new legislation and grants
 - Future discussion - Process for adding & removing projects -



- Future discussion - Priority Ranking
- Public Comment – no public comment
- Adjourn

References for today's meeting:

For more information on the AHMAC, please visit

<https://www.jeffco.us/4441/All-Hazard-Mitigation-Advisory-Committee>