

# Meeting Notes

## Douglas County Hazard Mitigation Plan Kickoff Meeting

**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2026

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. PST

**Location:** Douglas County Public Services Building (140 19th St NW, East Wenatchee, WA 98802) and Zoom

### Attendees

Name	Organization	Contact Information
Shirley Schultz	Anchor QEA	sschultz@anchorqea.com
Kazi Haque (x6577)	Douglas County	khaque@co.douglas.wa.us
Josh Jensen	Anchor QEA	jjensen@anchorqea.com
Mandy Maxwell	EK Consulting	mandy@ek.consulting
Caitlin Burd	Anchor QEA	cburd@anchorqea.com
Roel Hammerschlag	Anchor QEA	rhammerschlag@anchorqea.com
Mike Baker (x6809)	Douglas County Sheriff	mbaker@co.douglas.wa.us
Jerrilea Crawford	Mayor, East Wenatchee	jcrawford@eastwenatcheewa.gov
Zerbe, Kevin (MIL)	Washington EMD	Kevin.Zerbe@mil.wa.gov
Swati Rastogi (x6590)	Douglas County	srastogi@co.douglas.wa.us
Kurt Danison	Planner – Bridgeport, Waterville, Mansfield	kdanison@ncidata.com
Judy Brown	Clerk, Bridgeport	Clerk@bridgeportwa.net
Hillary Heard	WV Fire District	hheard@wvfire.org
Erika Guerrero (x6570)	Douglas County	eguerrero@co.douglas.wa.us
Jordyn Giulio (x6614)	Douglas County	jgiulio@co.douglas.wa.us
Carlye Baity	Clerk, Douglas County	cbaity@co.douglas.wa.us
Clint Wall	Mayor, Mansfield	mansfield@nwi.net
Lloyd Smith	Mayor, Waterville	watervillemayor@nwi.net
Carol Cowling	S Douglas CD	carol.cowling@gmail.com
Sergio Orozco	Mayor, Bridgeport	mayor@bridgeportwa.net

## **Meeting Notes**

### **Introduction and Presentation**

Douglas County staff and Anchor QEA welcomed attendees and presented an overview of the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update process. The presentation (attached) covered an overview of the Anchor QEA team, scope and tasks, HMP components, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Washington State Department of Commerce (Commerce) requirements for the HMP, and the HMP's relationship to other planning efforts, including the concurrent Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update process. A discussion period was held after the presentation.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Anchor QEA team to various jurisdiction and agency officials and initiate discussions about what people think is important to consider during the update of the HMP. The HMP update includes convening a steering committee to provide meaningful input into the planning process. Anyone is welcome to join and we are open to recommendations if there are other interested parties that should participate. Please contact Mandy Maxwell (contact information above) if you are interested in participating.

### **Discussion – General Questions**

Shirley called for attendees to ask general questions about the update process. Hillary Heard (Wenatchee Valley Fire District) asked whether the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) will be integrated into the HMP and 2026 Douglas County Comprehensive Plan update. The CWPP for Douglas County is currently in the update process. Mandy Maxwell replied that existing plans will be integrated into the draft HMP to streamline the update process, meet state requirements that rely on the CWPP, acquire federal wildfire resources, and respect the time and commitments of individual stakeholders.

### **Discussion – Community Priorities and Concerns**

#### **City of East Wenatchee**

Jerrilea Crawford said that priority hazards that the City of East Wenatchee faces are flooding, wildfire, and erosion/ground stability. Community assets that are valuable to East Wenatchee and the wider community include service provider infrastructure located within the city limits (e.g., utilities, irrigation, and stormwater/sewer districts). Crawford noted that the Director of Public Works would be beneficial to include in future meetings of the steering committee.

#### **City of Mansfield**

Clint Wall said that the primary hazards that the City of Mansfield faces are wildfire and winds that may amplify the area of fire damage. Wall recalled a situation several years ago where a wildfire caused approximately 98,000 acres to burn around Mansfield. The city completely lost power and

subsequently lost access to water. Since then, the County has funded the implementation of infrastructure such as a generator pump to keep water tanks full and accessible during environmental hazards.

Wall said that a major concern for the City of Mansfield is developing a clear evacuation plan for locally sourced emergency responses where evacuation routes and procedures are evaluated to ensure citizen safety during emergency situations. Wall said that there are several manufactured homes on the outskirts of the downtown area that are limited to single wide trailers. The majority of homes are older stick-built homes that are susceptible to fire damage.

### **City of Bridgeport**

Sergio Orozco said that the primary hazards that the City of Bridgeport faces are wildfire, wind, and flooding. There are two mobile home parks within the city that are particularly susceptible to fire damage. Orozco recalled difficulties with maintaining communications with the public to provide updates to citizens during a past wildfire event. The city has implemented mobile generators that are used to power buildings and wells during power outages. Flood drainage control is an additional concern for the City of Bridgeport.

### **City of Waterville**

Kurt Denison said that the primary hazards that the City of Waterville faces are wildfire and the winds that may amplify fire damage. Waterville has a limited water supply that could inhibit emergency services (e.g., wildfires encroaching on the city from Badger Mountain). A major asset of Waterville is the historic downtown area. It is a priority to preserve this architecture that is highly susceptible to fire damage.

### **Meeting Logistics**

It is anticipated that the steering committee will meet three or four times during the HMP update at key points in review and adoption of the plan. Additional outreach will occur with existing groups (e.g., planning commissions) and communities during the public participation process. Attendees proposed to continue steering committee meetings in a hybrid in-person and virtual meeting style.