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Subject:

John,

I had Kathy look at this here at the LEPC Conference before I sent it so unless Steve has something else to add would you please send this out to the Board.

Just wanted to touch on the highlights from the EMC last Thursday.

Jim Mullen and Gen. Lowenburg were attending the National Emergency Management Association Annual Homeland Security Consortium in New York.

Mailian touched briefly on the 2006 supplemental Budget. She gave the EMC a similar presentation that we received at the Directors meeting. She indicated we should hear something by the middle or end of May from Rachel or Arel.

The State of Washington will be sending a team to the restoration conference in New Orleans.

Representative Jim Buck from the 24th legislative district in Washington State gave a presentation on the Possible Effects of the Cascadian Earthquake on that district. The presentation was excellent and sends a very good message. The presentation is available if anyone is interested.

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/geology/pubs/pubs_ol.htm#hazards

FEMA Charles Axton, Reported that FEMA is gearing up for Hurricane Season. Dennis Huntzinger has replaced Tammy Doherty.

The Draft ESF 8 Public Health and Medical Services Appendix 4 Pandemic Influenza Plan is out for review.

The Governor will be having Cabinet level tabletop on Pandemic Flu possibly in July or August.

SERC Don Bivins reported that the Bids are out on the study for State Regional Haz Mat Teams. Selections should be made sometime around the 1st of June.

HLS Arel Solie EMD and Tom Symonds Pierce County participated in a week-long peer review (with two weeks at-home prep work) of the FFY-2006 funding applications sponsored by DHS. Over the course of the week, state and federal representatives reviewed and scored grant applications from other states. Between the two WA representatives, 4 States and 8 corresponding Urban area applications were reviewed. The group made the recommendation to DHS to continue with this process for the 2007 allocations, with a longer timeline. State EMD should know by June 1st what the Washington State allocation for 2006 will be.

Tom Symonds reported that at the March 17 HLS Regional meeting all the leads and coordinators agreed to the following recommendation to be forwarded to the CHS and EMC for 2006 Allocation

30% Base

20% Population.

50% Population Density

No vote was taken on this by the EMC.

The new EMC Vice Chair is Bob Zimmerman, from Private Industry.

The CHS Co Chairs are Jim Scharfs, Police Chiefs and Peter Antolin, Deputy Director Washington State General Administration.