

To: Yachats City Council

September 13, 2016

From: Bob Bennett, Emergency Planning Committee

Subject: September 2016 Status Report

NOAA approved the Yachats application for Storm Ready / Tsunami Ready certification. There were some minor changes made to the application but the NOAA representative signed the form approving the application as amended.

Jenny Demaris told us that we need to ask the County Sign Shop for any additional evacuation signs as they may have some available. Rick McClung will call and check. If not he will order new ones for the following locations and include 3-4 spares:

- Diversity Drive
- Crossing at Marine Drive connecting to Yachats City trail leading to King Street
- Prospect Street
- Spruce Street
- Top of Coombs Circle

Rick McClung contacted the City of Florence and received information on the templates they used to mark city streets with a “blue wave” to indicate that you are leaving a Tsunami Zone. These were part of a FEMA pilot program. Rick did receive the basic images needed to create the templates for our streets. When contacting the County Sign Shop he will ask about materials we could use for Yachats. This approach could be used to help people in Yachats climb some of our steep streets and know they are in a safe zone even if they need to climb higher to reach Assembly Areas.

Bob Bennett will ask Frankie Petrick if she can attend the October meeting to review the Assembly Area locations. This review needs to be done as there may be an impact based on the new fire station location.

Bob will draft a memo for the committee to review asking the Yachats Trails Committee about improving the crossing between Marine Drive and the City Trail as it crosses a drainage ditch. Also need to see what might be done at the end of Diversity Drive and the Ya’Xaik trail as the end of Diversity is not all the way out of the local Tsunami zone.

Kimmie Allison needs some help to re-balance the supplies in the two storage containers. She will send out an email with some suggested dates to recruit Committee members to help.

Jenny Demaris mentioned that Emergency Plans are now being updated. This may affect the City’s current document. Bob will contact her for possible discussion in November to see if Yachats needs to either update or replace the current Emergency Plan document.

Upcoming work:

- Add new Appendix for the Emergency Plan covering working relationship between City and YRFPD.
- Recommendations on any potential signage improvements.
- Complete work on the updated Appendixes for the Emergency Plan from the last table top.
- Begin draft of Emergency Debris Management Plan for Yachats. (Hold on this pending the work underway at the County level)

CC: Emergency Planning Committee, Walt Weyand, Larry Nixon, Don Goth, Bill Watson, Joan Davies, Nancy Batchelder, Rick McClung, Kimmie Allison, Frankie Petrick, Jenny Demaris