



CITY OF YACHATS
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES
City Hall, 441 Hwy 101 N, OR 97498
Monday, August 4, 2025

- I. Call to Order Emergency Preparedness Meeting 2:00 pm**
- II. Roll Call**

Committee Members	P/A
Linn West, Chair	P
Don Groth	A
Drew Roslund	A
Kathryn Torrence	P
Mary Reeves	P
Kathy McCulloch	A
Susan Oppenheimer	A
Seve Oppenheimer	A
Jill Asch	A
Tom Rafalski	P

Staff Members	
Kimmie Jackson, Recorder	Neal Morphis, City Infrastructure Clerk

III. Announcements / Correspondence

The Committee discussed the recent tsunami alert and ongoing water rationing. Kimmie emphasized the importance of preparedness and encouraged residents to use the alert as a reminder to review their emergency plans. The group debated the effectiveness of the alert system and the potential for tsunami damage without local ground shaking. While no immediate action was required, members agreed that continued awareness and preparedness efforts remain essential. Member Kathryn Torrence will prepare an article on this subject.

IV. Citizens' Concerns

- a. None

V. Reports

- a. Fire Dept Report - None
- b. Finance Report - No report provided

VII. Current Business

- a. **Status on Mapping (Kathryn)**: A detailed 2019 Forest Service map, including roadways, was located. The group discussed contacting the Forest Service to request permission to copy portions of the map for community use.
- b. **Status on Restaurants for Emergency Shelter (Mary)**: No progress reported. Mary drafted a newsletter and shared it with Kathy for feedback. The group noted that in-person delivery of information may generate better responses than email outreach.
- c. **Conex Replacement**: Plans are in place to reorganize the Crestview conex, with a cleanup day proposed for **September 10 at 10 a.m.** Activities will be scheduled after Labor Day.
- d. **Article for September Newsletter**: To be written by Katheryn Torrence.

VIII. Ongoing Business

- a. **Audio Alerts for Emergency Events (Tom)**: Discussion emphasized the value of audio alerts and siren systems in prompting public action. Members stressed the importance of avoiding false alarms to maintain credibility. Siren system capabilities vary by locality, with some able to automatically link to NOAA alerts. Overall, the Committee emphasized effective and reliable communication.
- b. **Review of Yachats Addendum of Lincoln County NHMP**: The group discussed improving emergency alerts and shared experiences with regular siren testing in other communities. Members also reviewed an updated map and will revisit strategies for sharing this information with the public.
- c. **Red Cross Emergency Simulation – October 9, 2025**: No updates reported.
- d. **Emergency Preparedness Fair**: The Committee agreed to gather information on how and when preparedness fair dates are publicized. Members felt that partnering with existing community events may be more effective than hosting a separate event at this time

Adjourn City Council Meeting 3:23 pm

Minutes prepared by: Kimmie Jackson, Recorder