



Washington Military Department
Emergency Management Division

State of Washington

Preparation and Support
to

King County and Local Jurisdictions
for

Howard Hanson Dam/Green River Basin
Flood Readiness and Response



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State of Washington Highest Priorities

- Protect the public health, safety & welfare
- Vigorous cooperation among governments
 - Federal
 - State
 - County
 - Local Jurisdictions
 - Tribal Governments



Governor's Steps

- Letter to US Army Corps of Engineers
 - Requesting materials and equipment to improve levees before flood season
- Actively working with congressional delegation
 - To secure funding for short-term and long-term solutions
- Directed state agencies to support King County and local jurisdictions in flood preparations
- Activities will continue to expand in coming months



Principle Point of Contact

Washington's Adjutant General (TAG)

Timothy J. Lowenberg

TAG will ensure that federal, county, local and tribal officials have senior point-of-contact to coordinate and oversee all state support

TAG to convene and chair a Green River Flood Preparation Subcabinet consisting of state agency directors and agencies reporting to statewide elected officials



Agency Expectations

- Utilize state resources, within existing budgetary authorizations, and to do everything reasonable to provide assistance to affected governments
- Support General Lowenberg in his assignment to respond to requests from affected governments



Military Department

- Facilitate Green River Flood Preparation Subcabinet to assist affected jurisdictions
- Assign knowledgeable staff for contingency planning
 - Two planners for Mega Shelter planning
 - One planner for mitigation planning
- Offer training and preparedness workshops for emergency managers and elected officials



Department of Transportation

- Assist, with help from Washington State Patrol, in developing evacuation routes
- Acquire transportation capabilities in support of evacuations
- Participate with Military Department in developing an aviation Search and Rescue plan



Department of General Administration

- Identify state agency facilities potentially at risk
- Identify short-term (sheltering) housing structures
- Assist affected jurisdictions in contracting for shelter management
- Assist jurisdictions to develop contracting plan for short-term housing and feeding



Department of Social and Health Services

- Assist jurisdictions in the identifying of special needs populations
- Help plan for the care of special needs populations
- Work with local jurisdictions to translate emergency messaging into appropriate languages



Department of Commerce

- Work with energy providers to mitigate effects on energy infrastructure
- Support planning for interim and long-term housing of displaced residents
- Assist jurisdictions, chambers of commerce and other business associations in preparing continuity of operations measures



Department of Health

- Assist jurisdiction health departments for potential vaccination and health care needs during flooding
- Offer technical assistance to help identify and protect critical water supply infrastructure



Department of Agriculture

- Assist with plans for animal care and sheltering
- Assist with plans for potential animal disposal
- Offer technical assistance for food supply and food quality protection at emergency shelters



Washington State Patrol

- Assist with Life Safety/Emergency planning
- Assist in security planning
- Assist with evacuation route planning

Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Identify personnel and equipment for swift water rescue



Other Agency Assistance

- Department of Ecology
 - Hazardous material & waste management plans
 - Offer tech assistance to identify and protect wastewater treatment infrastructure
- Washington State Conservation Commission
 - Assist with planning for protection of food supply and continuity of agricultural operations
- Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
 - Assist tribal governments with planning efforts



Activation Considerations

- Warning
 - National Weather Service
 - US Army Corps of Engineers
- King County Activation
- Governor's Declaration
- Presidential Proclamation



Activation Steps

- Recall of Personnel
- Develop Staffing Plan
- Develop Common Operating Picture
 - King County ECC
 - Local Jurisdictions' EOC
- Activate State Liaisons (SALs)
- Coordinate Messaging
- Provide Assistance



Questions?