

State of Washington
SILVER JACKETS CORE TEAM CHARTER
FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT TEAM

This charter establishes and formalizes the expectations for implementation of the Silver Jackets Team for the State of Washington. The collaborative agreement forged by this charter in no way limits participating agencies from taking actions in accordance with their existing authorities and charges, nor does it encumber them with additional financial commitments to support the team or its recommendations.

This charter will be reviewed annually by the core member agencies and may be revised at any time per the consensus of the core member agencies.

Vision Statement:

Serve as a catalyst to increase efficiency and coordination between State and Federal agencies in developing comprehensive and sustainable solutions to flood hazard issues including response, recovery, preparedness, and mitigation.

Mission Statement:

The core member agencies will establish a continuous inter-governmental collaborative team working with the Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments to:

1. Facilitate strategic planning and implementation of life cycle flood-risk management, including response, recovery, preparedness, and mitigation actions to reduce the threat, vulnerability, and consequences of flooding in the state of Washington;
2. Create or supplement a process to collaboratively identify and prioritize issues and implement or recommend solutions;
3. Identify and implement ways to leverage available resources and information between agencies;
4. Increase and improve flood-risk communication and outreach;
5. Promote wise stewardship of the taxpayers' investments; and
6. Promote comprehensive state flood-risk management policies and strategies and consistent regulatory standards.

Goals:

1. Facilitate continuous collaboration for flood mitigation, response, and recovery activities before, during, and after flooding.
2. Provide a forum for examining all types of solutions for flood-risk management, including non-structural and structural solutions while emphasizing the most environmentally sound alternatives.
3. Increase members' knowledge of interagency mitigation programs and authorities in order to combine resources and identify gaps.
4. Create a multi-agency technical resource gateway for state and local agencies.

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5. Prioritize current and future flood risk mitigation initiatives individually and collectively.
6. Provide assistance in implementing high-priority actions identified in the State's mitigation plans.
7. Improve flood risk communication and outreach, present a unified inter-governmental message, and better educate and advise our mutual customers.
8. Identify and facilitate improvements to existing programs, policies, and processes.
9. Identify other collaboration opportunities to combine resources and identify gaps in order to minimize duplication of effort.
10. Catalog and share information on past and future flood projects and initiatives.

Roles & Responsibilities:

Core Agencies: The team will be inter-governmental in nature. The core member agencies involved at all times will include:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
State of Washington Department of Ecology (WA Ecology)

Membership will vary based on available resources and member focus; however, other strategic core member agencies involved at any time may also include:

National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service (NOAA/NWS)
U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
State of Washington Emergency Management Division (WA EMD)

The Seattle District will be the lead contact for the USACE and will coordinate routinely with Walla Walla and Portland Districts. With consensus, the leadership role may rotate among the core members. The agency assuming the leadership role is responsible for organizing, coordinating, and facilitating meetings as well as recording and maintaining final meeting minutes. The representative of the lead agency may request assistance in performing any of these responsibilities. Core agency participation shall be contingent upon each agency's authorities and available funding.

Adjunct Agencies: In addition to core agencies, other agency representatives from State, Federal, Tribal, or local governments with responsibilities related to the vision and mission of the Washington Silver Jackets may choose to participate in this initiative. All participating agencies will be given the opportunity to contribute experience and information. Adjunct agency participation shall be contingent upon each agency's authorities and available funding.

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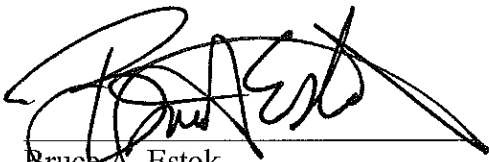
Meetings:

At a minimum, core agency meetings will be conducted quarterly. Adjunct agencies may attend any of these meetings. Coordination may occur through email and teleconferencing. At least one face-to-face meeting will be held annually unless prohibited by funding constraints. Agendas for meetings shall be distributed at least one week prior to the meeting. Draft minutes shall be distributed via email for comment.

Decisions:


Decisions will be accomplished by the team through consensus after discussion.

Core Member Signatures:



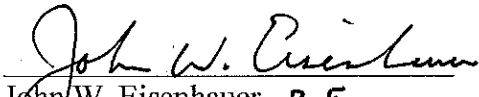
Bruce A. Estok
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Seattle District Commander

Date: 14 JAN 2013



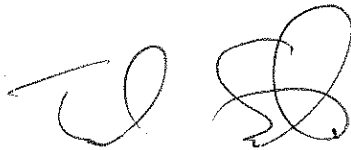
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Acting Regional Administrator, Region X
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Date: 10/5/2012



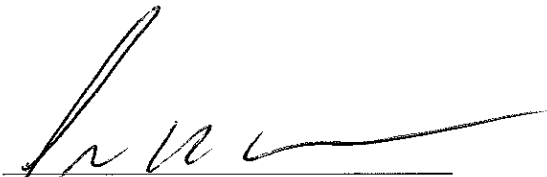
John W. Eisenhower, P.E.
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Portland District Commander

Date: NOV 15 2012



Ted Sturdevant
Ecology Director
Washington Department of Ecology

Date: 8/31/2012



Andrew D. Kelly
Lt. Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Walla Walla District Commander

Date: 11/6/12

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