



Washington Disaster Resiliency Work Group

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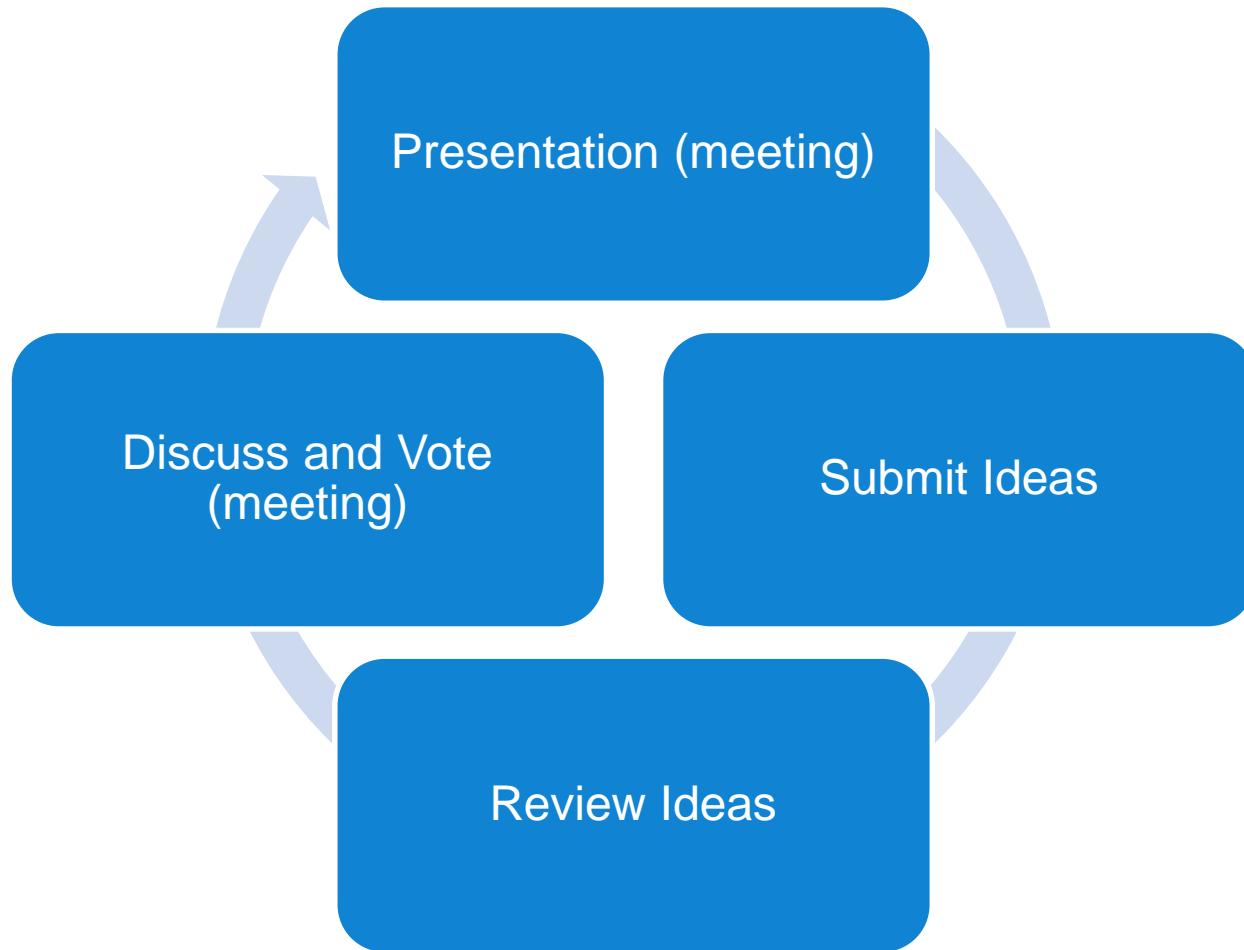
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Meeting process



Submissions

3000+ pages of documents submitted by members and interested parties

Alliance for National and Community Resilience	Association of Washington Cities	CAA & CAPAA & CHA
Department of Agriculture	Department of Commerce	Department of Ecology
Department of Natural Resources	Department of Transportation	National Insurance Crime Bureau
King County	Milliman, Inc.	Private Citizens
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction	Office of the Insurance Commissioner	Resilient Washington Subcabinet
Seattle Public Utilities	Pew Charitable Trusts	Verisk – AIR Worldwide
U.S. Government Accountability Office	William D. Ruckelshaus Center	Washington Association of Building Officials
Washington Association of Sewer and Water	WA Emergency Management Division	Washington Public Utility Districts
WA Seismic Safety Committee		

September 5, 2019 meeting

- **Geological Risk: Corina Allen**, Washington State Chief Hazards Geologist, Department of Natural Resources
- **Climate Risk: Amy Snover, PhD.**, Director, UW Climate Impacts Group
- **Flood Risk: Brian Lynn**, Coastal/Shorelands Section Manager, Department of Ecology
- **Drought Risk: Jeff Marti**, Water Resources Program Management, Department of Ecology, and **Gary Bahr**, Natural Resources Assessment Section, Washington state Department of Agriculture
- **Wildfire Risk: George Geissler**, Washington State Forester and Deputy Supervisor for Wildfire and Forest Health and Resilience
- **DNR's Climate Resilience Strategy: Dan Stonington**, Executive Policy Advisor, Department of Natural Resources
- **Keynote Speaker: Lieutenant General Russel L. Honoré**, US Army, Retired

October 30, 2019 meeting

- Determined administrative items (quorum, voting, alternates, etc.)
- Small Group Discussions
- Report on statewide Resilience Officers across the U.S.
- **Keynote Speaker- “What makes a community resilient”:** **Robert Freitag**, University of Washington Director of Institute for Hazards Mitigation Research and Planning.

December 16, 2019 meeting

- **10 year review of foundational resilience documents from state agencies.** **Tristen Allen**, Department of Commerce, and **Kevin Zerbe**, Washington Military Emergency Management Division.
- Review of submitted documents, discussions, and preliminary voting relating to the types of activities an ongoing resilience office should engage in.
- Special Guests:
 - **Mike Harryman**, Oregon State Chief Resilience Officer
 - **John Schelling**, FEMA
 - **Travis Ball**, US Army Corps of Engineers
 - **Brian Warren**, Microsoft
 - **Carlene Anders**, Mayor of Pateros, WA.
 - **Cathe Guphill**, Red Cross
 - **Derrick Hiebert**, King County

Scheduled a break for Legislative Session

Then we had a pandemic...

**Stay home.
Stay healthy.**

Spread the Facts

coronavirus.wa.gov

May 21, 2020 meeting

- Zoom virtual meeting
- **Keynote Speaker- “Where should a resiliency program be housed”:**
Michael Gaffney, Washington State University, Assistant Director of Extension, Director of Extension Community and Economic Development Unit.
- Deliberations and voting on types of activities an ongoing resiliency program should engage in.

June 12, 2020 meeting

- Zoom virtual meeting
- Deliberations and voting on where a resilience program should be housed.
- Report on the cost of:
 - Chief Resilience Officer and admin embedded in another agency
 - Chief Resilience Officer and 9 person unit embedded in another agency
 - Chief Resilience Officer and 19 person stand-alone agency
- Report on funding mechanisms

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL insurance.wa.gov/about-washington-disaster-resiliency-work-group. The page features a blue header for the "Washington Disaster Resiliency work group" and a main heading "About the Washington Disaster Resiliency work group". The content includes a paragraph about the impact of natural disasters, a paragraph about the work group's purpose, a link to "Read the full bill SSB 5106 (leg.wa.gov)", and a list of tasks for the work group.

Washington Disaster Resiliency work group

[About the Washington Disaster Resiliency work group](#)

Information for the Washington Disaster Resiliency work group

Washington Disaster Resiliency work group member organizations and their representatives

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About the Washington Disaster Resiliency work group

Washington state residents have been impacted by natural disasters such as floods, landslides, wildfires and earthquakes and they continue to be at risk from these and other natural disasters. The state Legislature believes it's critical to prepare Washington for disasters better and put in place strategies to mitigate the impacts of disasters.

To address this critical need, the Legislature has created a work group, chaired by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, to review disaster resiliency activities and make recommendations to the Legislature and governor on whether an ongoing disaster resiliency program should be created.

[Read the full bill SSB 5106 \(leg.wa.gov\)](#)

The work group consists of 30 representatives from lawmakers, tribal leaders, state agencies, private entities, local municipalities and will include two representatives from the insurance industry.

The work group is tasked with reviewing natural disaster resiliency activities and to make recommendations to Legislature and the governor on:

- Whether this state should create an ongoing disaster resiliency program.
- What the activities the program should engage in.
- How the program should coordinate with state agencies and other entities engaged in disaster mitigation and resiliency work.
- Where the program should be housed.
- How the program should be funded.

Questions?

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