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MICHIGAN DAM SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETING

Virtual Team Meeting

October 21, 2020, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Members Present

Melinda (Myndi) Bacon
Liesl Eichler Clark
Dr. Dana Infante
Tanya Paslawski
Dan Scripps
Glen Wiczorek

John Broschak
Dan Eichinger
Jim Kochevar
Evan Pratt
Dr. Stan Vitton
Brad Wieferich (for Paul Ajegba)

Dr. Bryan Burroughs
Brett Fessell
Paul Malocha
Bill Rustem
Abby Watkins

Welcome and Task Force Business

Roll Call

The meeting commenced at 10:02 AM.

Evan Pratt welcomed members to the third Michigan Dam Safety Task Force meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Tanya Paslawski motioned to approve the October 21, 2020, meeting agenda, which Bill Rustem seconded. The motion passed.

Approval of the Draft Minutes

Paul Malocha motioned to approve the draft minutes from the October 1, 2020, meeting, which Jim Kochevar seconded. Malocha stated the terminology section of the minutes might misrepresent the definition of hazard classifications outlined in state statute. The motion previously called and seconded passed.

EGLE Dam Safety Program

EGLE Updates

Director Liesl Eichler Clark thanked the members and facilitators for their time on the project thus far. Clark reminded the group of the extensive list of recommendations provided by the Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) and emphasized task members' individual areas of expertise in filling in recommendation gaps.



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Charge of Taskforce

Pratt reminded meeting participants of the task force's charge, noting that task force guidance is needed to adapt national technical frameworks to Michigan's unique dam safety challenges.

Public Comment

Elizabeth Riggs, Public Sector Consultants (PSC), invited nonmembers on the call to ask questions. Public comments were heard. Riggs thanked these nonmembers for their comments and participation.

Process for Task Force Meetings and Subgroups

Julie Metty Bennett, PSC, highlighted the task force's charge and referenced the process flow chart provided to task force members before the meeting. The flow chart describes the project roadmap. Today's meeting and the next meeting are focused on developing draft recommendations according to topic area, with the task force split into two rounds of three subgroups (six groups total) based on the survey completed by task force members that prioritized topic interests. Task force members will finalize recommendations in the final two meetings, from which PSC will create a report for the governor and legislature.

Metty Bennett explained that today's subgroup meetings will focus on the ASDSO recommendations. Each meeting will be kicked off by an EGLE technical expert, who will provide topical background information and answer questions raised in the survey. PSC team members will facilitate each session's subgroup meetings and will work with task force members to adopt, eliminate, or amend recommendations; if amendments are necessary, task force members will work between meetings to develop and refine recommendations.

First Round of Three Concurrent Subgroup Meetings

- Subgroup one: Legislation and Authority
- Subgroup two: Compliance, Enforcement, and Emergency Response
- Subgroup three: Permitting and Design Review

Each subgroup reviewed and discussed the ASDSO recommendations provided during the previous meeting.

Second Round of Three Concurrent Subgroup Meetings

- Subgroup one: Reevaluations, Inspections, and Surveillance Monitoring
- Subgroup two: Program Management/Funding and Budgeting
- Subgroup three: Outreach and Awareness/Safety and Security at Dams

Each subgroup reviewed and discussed the ASDSO recommendations provided during the previous meeting.



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Closing Remarks

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.