

MES Virtual Meeting - 15 January 2025

Participants *(in no particular order)*

Skylar Suiso, HI-EMA
Stephen Cahill, Guam
Ethan Weller, WA EMD
Katie Nguyen, NWS Southern Region HQ
Ed Fratto, NESEC
Sarah Rogowski, NWS NTHMP
Mario Kaipat, CNMI HSEM
Corina Allen, NOAA
Mike Crop, OEM
Althea Rizzo, OEM
Yvette LaDuke, CALOES
Summer Ohlendorf, NWS
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Chris Birchfield, NWS ERH
Greg Schoor, NWSHQ
Stephanie Ross, USGS
Anne Sheehan, FEMA
Jose Lara, CALOES
Todd Becker, CALOES
Nicolas Arcos, NCEI

Partner Updates

Sarah Rogowski: No new budget information. The tentative dates and location of NTHMP in-person meeting: May 19-23 May, in Anchorage (AK).

Summer Ohlendorf: Kara Sterling compiling on feedback for Pacifex 2025 dates. Options: Apr 30, May 1, May 6, May 7. Please give Summer and/or Kara feedback on these dates asap, but no later than end of January. Feedback is also encourage on ideas for scenarios.

Vote on MES FY2025 Work Plan

Yes votes (10): Washington, Guam, Oregon, California, East Coast region, Hawaii, NOAA, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Alaska (virtual)

No votes (0): None

Not present or abstained (4): FEMA, U.S. Virgin Islands, Gulf of Mexico region, American Samoa

Vote on Updated MES Terms of Reference

Yes votes (10): Washington, Guam, Oregon, California, East Coast region, Hawaii, NOAA, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Alaska (virtual)

No votes (0): None

Not present or abstained (4): FEMA, U.S. Virgin Islands, Gulf of Mexico region, American Samoa

Other

MES Co-chair recommendations will be provided to the NTHMP Coordinating Committee (CC) for the meeting on February 11th, 2025.

In November 2024, MES voted to approve Stephen Cahill, Guam Homeland Security, as MES co-chair. Stephan's nomination will need to be approved by the NTHMP CC at the February 11th meeting. If approved he will begin his 3-year term after the CC meeting.

Nic Arcos (NCEI) will stay on as MES Co-chair Federal representative for a new term of 2-years.

On behalf of the MES, Todd Becker thanks Regina Browne, VITEMA, for her service as MES co-chair. During her 3-year term, Regina provided valuable insights and dedication to furthering MES achievements. MES looks forward to her continued participation as an MES member.

Next MES Meeting

19 March (1pm-2pm PST).

MES members should expect a calendar invite in the coming days.

Agenda topics expected: (1) FY2024 Work Plan updates from leads; (2) In-person meeting planning