

Meeting Minutes of the Subcommittee on Disaster Reduction

4 November 2004, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., White House Conference Center, Eisenhower Room

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John Filson (USGS), Vice-Chair for Science
Margaret Lawless (FEMA), Vice-Chair for Policy

NSTC Liaison

Gene Whitney (OSTP)

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Larry Roeder (State), Co-Chair
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Larry Weber (NSF), Co-Chair

Earth Observation Task Group

Rosalind Helz (USGS), Chair

Grand Challenges Task Group

Priscilla Nelson (NSF), Co-Chair
Noel Raufaste (NIST), Co-Chair

Remote Sensing Applications Working Group

Rosalind Helz (USGS), Co-Chair
Steve Ambrose (NASA), Co-Chair

Designated Representatives

CDC Dan Sosin
DHS Bruce Davis
Chris Doyle
DHS/FEMA David Maurstad
DHS/USCG Russ Doughty
DOD Earnest Paylor
DOE Tom Ryder
DOI Larry Braun
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State Fernando Echavarria &
Larry Roeder, Jr.
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Other Attendees

NGB
Frank Hudoba
Stephen Davis

NOAA
John Gaynor
Nathalie Valette-Silver
NSF
Robert O'Connor
Jacqueline Mezaro

Secretariat
Dori Akerman
Will Hottel
State
Cynthia Brady

Agenda

10:00 Welcome and Introductions
10:05 Approval of Meeting Minutes
10:10 Report from the Chair
10:20 Report from the NSTC Liaison
10:30 National Guard Bureau Presentation
11:00 Grand Challenges
11:30 International Working Group
12:00 Close and Next Actions

Handouts

- Agenda
- October Meeting Minutes
- OSTP Memo on International Day for Disasters
- Grand Challenges Suggested Priority Areas for Investment as of 1 November 2004
- Grand Challenges Document Clearance
- Grand Challenges Draft as of 4 November 2004
- Memo from Mark Lagon on U.S. Delegation Organizational Meeting for the World Conference on Disaster Reduction

I. Call to Order

SDR Chair Helen Wood called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Members approved the September 9th meeting minutes.

III. Summary of Discussion

A. Report from the SDR Chair

SDR Chair Helen Wood began by announcing the successful release of Dr. Marburger's statement in support of the International Day for Disaster Reduction. The statement was released on October 13th and marks the second annual release by Dr. Marburger in support of this important day.

Ms. Wood also discussed the National Academies Disasters Roundtable on Grand Challenges which attracted a record number of attendees and included excellent discussions by a variety of representatives from the disaster community. The panel of senior agency representatives was especially successful, and facilitated interaction with top experts in their fields. Dave Applegate reported on the recent USGS listening session on natural disasters which covered many of the same themes as the National Academies Roundtable, and also drew an impressive number of attendees.

Helen reminded members about the upcoming SDR Media Session on December 7th designed to support partnerships between key agency personnel and members of the media. Ms. Wood stated that this would be an excellent opportunity for the agencies to engage the media "off the record".

Actions:

- Members will submit recommendations for public affairs representatives to be invited to the SDR Media Session to the Secretariat by 5 pm on November 9th.

B. Report from the NSTC Liaison

Dr. Gene Whitney confirmed that the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Plan Bill (H.R. 2608) was signed into law and that a hazards reduction program for wind hazards was attached. While NEHRP will be managed out of the agencies, the Wind Hazards Reduction Program will be assigned to OSTP.

C. Report from National Guard Bureau

Colonel Peter Aylward discussed the structure and purpose of the National Guard Bureau (NGB), whose mission is to provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies. The National Guard is forward deployed with imbedded capabilities for a rapid emergency response throughout the country.

Colonel Aylward outlined some of the major science and technology needs of the NGB, including:

- Accelerated fielding of emergency technologies;
- Space-based radar opportunities;
- Investment in social science research;
- Collaboration and visualization tools; and
- Wireless bandwidth on demand.

Colonel Aylward's presentation is available on the SDR website.

Actions:

- The Secretariat will make Colonel Aylward’s presentation available on the SDR website.

D. Grand Challenges

Grand Challenges Co-Chair Noel Raufaste thanked members for their feedback and comments on Grand Challenges drafts. About two-thirds of all member agencies have responded and final comments must be submitted by November 12th. A final draft was distributed to the members and will be provided again via email by the Secretariat following the meeting. This will be the final opportunity for the members to provide comments and suggestions before the document is submitted for CENR clearance in December.

Timeline	Owner	Complete By
Final comments from all SDR members submitted to GRS.	Members	12 November 2004
Gain document clearances from CENR.	Secretariat	31 December 2004
Distribute press release.	White House	15 February 2005
Publish and distribute grand challenges document. Publish FY2007 budget companion document.	Secretariat	January or February 2005
Brief appropriate Administration stakeholders.	SDR Leadership	15 March 2005

Actions:

- 12 November 2004 Members will submit final comments to Secretariat by 5 pm.

E. International Working Group

International Working Group Chair Larry Roeder discussed the memo from Deputy Assistant Secretary Mark Lagon regarding the World Conference on Natural Disasters to be held in Kobe, Japan (18-22 January 2005). A draft list of nominations for the U.S. delegation has been discussed. To attend any panel at the conference you must have the proper visa and be listed as part of the accredited U.S. delegation. A meeting is being held Monday November 8th at State Department regarding the delegation, RSVP is required.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. ET.

V. Future Meetings

The SDR meets on the first or second Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. ET in the Eisenhower Room of the White House Conference Center:

- December 2, 2004
- February 3, 2005
- March 3, 2005
- April 7, 2005
- May 5, 2005
- June 2, 2005
- July 7, 2005
- August 4, 2005
- September 8, 2005
- October 6, 2005
- November 3, 2005
- December 1, 2005

VI. Agenda Items and Other Communications with the Subcommittee

Please send proposed agenda items and any other items intended for distribution to the full Subcommittee to Doris Akerman (dori@grs-solutions.com) by November 29, 2004.

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**VIII. Summary of Actions
NOVEMBER MEETING ACTIONS**

Action	Lead	By When
Members should submit recommendations for public affairs representatives to be invited to the SDR Media Session to the Secretariat (dori@grs-solutions.com).	Members	9 November 2004 5 pm
Members will submit final comments on the Grand Challenges to the Secretariat.	Members	12 November 2004 5 pm