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CDEM Group Work Programme Progress Report

1. Purpose

To update the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group on the progress of the CDEM Group work programmes.

2. Background

Twelve CDEM Group work programmes were established by the CEG on 3 July 2003.

This report updates progress on these projects since the last meeting of the CDEM Group on 14 August 2003.

3. Discussion

The twelve regional projects are listed and where progress has been made additional information has been added.

3.1 Emergency Water Supply

Aim

To ensure that we have an adequate supply of water following a major emergency event, especially a major earthquake.

Progress

- The “Mitigation and Preparedness Strategy and Action Plan” for this project has been finalised. This document outlines the roles and responsibilities of the agencies involved in emergency water supply in the metropolitan areas, and a number of specific actions and projects to be carried out over the next 12 months to achieve the strategy.
- The project communications group developed a communications strategy to encourage the storage of emergency water. This strategy included activities during Hazard Awareness Week (6 – 10 October 2003) such as radio and print advertising and the development of a fact sheet about storing emergency water which was distributed during the week.

- Post-event messages about conserving water have been reviewed.
- Commercial suppliers of storage tanks have been identified.

Project Leader: John Morrison, Greater Wellington Regional Council

3.2 Road Access Restoration Plan

Aim

To prioritise the roads in the region as to which will be restored first following a major emergency event to enable effective resource and commuter movements. It also aims to identify and reduce resource constraints on how roads will be cleared. This project has strong links to the regional reconnaissance project.

Progress

- Vulnerable roads in the region have been identified.
- A report was tabled to the Regional Land Transport Committee outlining the scope of the project and requesting support and involvement.
- This project is now linked to the Regional Reconnaissance Plan project.

Project Leader: Lachlan Wallach, Upper Hutt City Council

3.3 Regional Reconnaissance Plan

Aim

To develop a plan for regional reconnaissance during a catastrophic emergency event.

Progress

- Existing local reconnaissance plans have been identified.
- A workshop was held on 12 September to identify existing arrangements and develop the framework of the reconnaissance plan. The workshop was attended by Local Authorities, Transit New Zealand and The Ministry of CDEM.
- A draft regional reconnaissance plan has been prepared and is being reviewed.

Project leader: Marshall Hyland, Porirua City Council

3.4 Emergency Communications

Aim

To ensure that we have robust communications systems in place for major emergency events.

Progress

- Greater Wellington has engaged Consultel Ltd to review the existing regional communications system and recommend future enhancements. The project is on track for a draft report to be received by 30 October 2003.

Project Leader: Rian van Schalkwyk, Greater Wellington Regional Council

3.5 Commuter Management

Aim

To ensure that plans are in place to look after commuters and return them home following an emergency in which access between our cities and districts is restricted. Later movements of commuters for work access will be part of recovery management planning.

Progress

- A workshop was held on 29th July and attended by participants of all local authorities, Greater Wellington, Tranzrail, Mana Coachlines, Stagecoach, Cityline Hutt Valley and East by West Ferries. Topics covered were communications, commuter education, operator education and response requirements.
- A key outcome of the workshop has been the establishment of a communications group to look at commuter and operator education.

Project Leader: Karen Stephens, Wellington City Council Emergency Management Office

3.6 External Logistics Supply

Aim

To establish and maintain arrangements for external supply of critical resources and personnel into the Wellington Region, and to support and sustain the emergency response immediately following a region wide hazard event.

Progress

- Contact has been made with Auckland Region to begin work in this project.

Project Leader: Marshall Hyland, Porirua City Council

3.7 Urban Search and Rescue capability enhancement

To develop a regional Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) management framework to enable competent location of casualties, extraction and ongoing medical care.

Progress

- Work is continuing to develop a regional search and rescue strategy.
- Co-ordination of activities of the existing rescue teams in the Region is continuing.

Project leaders: Marshall Hyland, Porirua City Council, Jock Darragh, Wellington City Council Emergency Management Office, David Etchells, Upper Hutt City Council.

3.8 CDEM Group Public Education Strategy

Aim

To develop a CDEM Group public education strategy in line with the National Public Education Strategy

Progress

- The National Public Education Strategy was completed on 26 August 2003.

Project Leader: Rian van Schalkwyk, Greater Wellington

3.9 Emergency Fuel Supply

Aim

To develop arrangements for supply of petroleum for emergency response vehicles (and aircraft) during a catastrophic event.

Progress

- Orders have been placed for manual fuel pumps that can extract fuel if necessary in an emergency. Protocols for the use of this equipment are being developed.

Project Leaders: Paul Nickalls, Hutt City Council, Graeme Brown, Wellington City Council

3.10 CDEM Group Response Capability Development

Aim

To review the functioning of the Emergency Operations Centres of the CDEM Group with particular regard for the hazardscape of the Region.

Progress

- There is no progress to report. The locations and functions of the Emergency Operations Centres will be reviewed as part of the CDEM Group Plan.

Project Leader: Rian van Schalkwyk

3.11 Hazard Analysis and Management

Aim

To provide a comprehensive assessment of hazards in the region

Progress

- A project has begun to develop an internet portal that links hazard information available from all relevant agencies in the Wellington Region.
- Work continues on the development of Hazard Summary Sheets for use in the CDEM Group Plan.

Project Leader: Greater Wellington Regional Council

3.12 Medical Logistics

Aim

To ensure plans are in place to provide critical supplies to give continuing care to mass casualties where movement within the region is limited in an emergency.

Progress

- No progress to report since the last meeting

Project Leader: Capital and Coast Health

4. Recommendation

That the report be received and the contents noted.

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