

Immediate Action Workgroup Agenda

Executive Sub-Cabinet on Climate Change
Atwood Building – Room 240 – Anchorage
January 18, 2008
10 am –3:30 pm

Open/Welcome/Introductions

(Facilitator)

Review Purpose and Charge to Immediate Action Workgroup

(Co-Chair(s))

Purpose: The Workgroup will make recommendations on how to execute a coordinated state, federal and local effort to assist the communities of Newtok, Shishmaref, Kivalina, Unalakleet Shaktoolik and Koyukuk that face imminent threats of loss of life, loss of infrastructure, loss of public and private property, or health epidemics due in-part to a changing climate.

Timeline: The majority of the Workgroup's effort is targeted for conclusion by March 4, with a final meeting to affirm recommendations on March 20.

Meeting Purpose

(Facilitator)

- To update participants on progress since Jan 8th meeting
- To provide foundational information on:
 - Existing Mitigation Programs and How to Use Them
 - Summary of State Disasters over Past 30 Years
 - USACE (Corps) Project Status Overview
 - Sustainable Communities Relocation Overview
- If time allows - begin discussing type of information needed for each of the Immediate Action projects (recipes)

Review Agenda including public comment procedures and interaction with Villages

(Facilitator)

10:15 – 10:30 am Questions/Clarification from IAW Members and then Meeting Participants

10:30 am

- Update on progress since Jan 8th Meeting (Co-Chairs)
- Briefing on Existing Mitigation Programs and How to Use Them
(John Madden, Director Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management)
 - Discussion/Questions by IAW Members

11:00 – 11:15 am: Public Comment/Clarifications on Existing Mitigation Programs

- Summary of State Disasters Over Past 30 Years
(John Madden, Director Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management)
 - Discussion/Questions by IAW Members

11:50 – Noon: Public Comment/Clarifications on State Disasters

Noon - 12:45 pm LUNCH

12: 45 pm

- Current and Proposed Projects Status Overview on Communities Reviewed in the GAO report and for Kivalina, Shishmaref, Shaktoolik, Unalakleet, Newtok, and Koyukuk (Carl Borash, Alaska - US Army Corps of Engineers)
 - Discussion/Questions by IAW Members

- Corps Community Criteria for Projects (Trish Opheen)
 - Discussion/Questions by IAW Members

1:45 – 2:00 pm: Public Comment/Clarifications on Corps Projects in Villages

2:00 – 2: 15 pm: BREAK

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- Relocating Communities in a Sustainable Way (Allison Butler, UAF PhD Candidate)
(Identify other communities around the world, Characteristics of relocating sustainably - making communities more self sufficient)
 - Discussion/Questions by IAW Members

2:45 – 3:00 pm: Public Comment/Clarifications on Corps Projects in Villages

3:00 – 3:15 pm: Next Steps

Close by 3:30