

Gearhart Preparedness

Recommendations:

1. 'Preparedness Committee' established.
2. Hire disaster specialist / team to advise city on evacuation routes, assembly areas and other preparedness measures, inundation/landslide/liquefaction, and help make a plan that leads to a successful grant request to FEMA.
3. Hire Grant writer for FEMA application.
4. Increase Community Outreach/discussion/education program.
5. Coordination w outside groups: MJNHMP, State, County, other N Coast cities.
6. Prepare a revised Evacuation Map/Plan, revised Assembly Areas
 - Decentralized with increased number of Assembly Areas
(likely to be accessible after an M9/L1 event within 15 minute [.75 mile] walk)
 - Two Assembly Area options from every spot in Gearhart.
 - Assess Water Tower Assembly Area for landslide, tank structure, and access.
 - Signage at Assembly Areas - coordinate with Evac Map. Change nomenclature - eliminate 'optional' and 'temporary' and call assembly areas perhaps 'preferred' 'alternate' or just 'assembly area'
 - Revise Evac Map in coordination w DOGAMI.
 - Consider 8 1/2 x 11 that can be easily revised.
7. Supply all revised Assembly Areas with water, food, shelter, medical supplies, communications, etc.
8. Backpack/Go Bag program to get backpacks for a high percentage of houses/residents/visitors. Premade backpacks that can be purchased in or near Gearhart.
9. Write Grant for FEMA funding after plan is established to help find optimal assembly area configuration - especially evacuation towers.



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