APPENDIX A

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, EXERCISES, CONFERENCES

Maine's process for revising the State Standard Hazard Mitigation Plan was again concurrent with the County process of revising their multi-jurisdictional plans and outreach efforts. Accordingly, the table of key meetings, workshops, conferences and exercises captures a variety of efforts at all levels. Additionally:

- There was a State Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee that met periodically to provide current information and overall direction;
- The State Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee was composed of State officials who suggested that *due to staffing and time constraints, they preferred* one-on-one contact as the most expeditious way to provide their expertise to MEMA;
- *In 2008, MEMA held an "Open House" as a tool for public outreach. Topics ranged from school preparedness to "Home Kits" to winter safety tips. Since only about 65 people attended, the after action committee determined that for the amount of staff time and effort involved, there might be more value in holding a two-day "Maine Prepares" Conference. Piloted in 2009, with James Lee Witt as the guest speaker, there were 400 attendees at the conference. In 2010, there were 600 attendees. Per the brochure, speakers and case studies ran the gamut from H1N1 to rescues to business continuity to grants. Attendees noted in their evaluations that they liked the "inclusion" and learning opportunities and that they "would come back." The conference is already booked for 2011 and 2012 and is now a regular part of annual planning and outreach efforts. [See Appendix B – brochure]*

KEY MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, EVENTS STATE HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING, PREPAREDNESS	
Date	
8 Jun 09	Governor Baldacci signs Statewide Mutual Aid authorizing first responder agencies to provide emergency services, even if a political subdivision has not entered into a mutual aid agreement with the political subdivision sending the requested emergency management, fire, law enforcement, emergency medical, public works, or other emergency services.
Sep 09	Initial meeting of Built Environment Group (Climate Change Committee)
Sep 09	MEMA Preparedness materials – Seadogs game
20 Oct 09	Built Environment Group (Climate Change Committee)
22 Oct 09	State Plan meeting with consultant
5 Nov 09	State Plan meeting with consultant
13 Nov 09	Built Environment Group (Climate Change Committee)
17 Nov 09	State Plan meeting with National Weather Service
18 Dec 09	State Plan meeting with Maine USGS
20 Jan 10	County Directors' meeting re: updating state and county plans
22 Jan 10	Mitigation Strategy meeting – MEMA
25 Jan 10	Climate Change Adaption Stakeholders Co-ordination Committee
29 Jan 10	State Plan meeting with Maine Geological Survey
2 Feb 10	Oxford Plan conference call
5 Feb 10	Maine Preparedness Conference and strategy sessions
8 Feb 10	Aroostook Plan videoconference

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Date	
9 Feb 10	Kennebec County Plan meeting
25 Feb 10	Mitigation Workshop – Augusta
26 Feb 10	Strategy meeting with MaineDOT
27 Feb 10	Climate Change Committee Report presented to Natural Resources Council
4 Mar 10	River Flow Advisory Commission Annual March Meeting
4 Mar 10	Planning meeting with FEMA Region 1
5 Mar 10	Penobscot Plan kick-off meeting
9 Mar 10	Mitigation Workshop – Augusta
15-19 Mar 10	HMA Summit and ESWG re: plans, planning and projects
1 Apr 1	Androscoggin Plan kick-off meeting
6 Apr 10	Briefing – PA/406/404 and plans – Sagadahoc
7 Apr 10	Briefing – PA/406/404 and plans – Knox
7 Apr 10	Briefing – PA/406/404 and plans – Lincoln
8 Apr 10	Briefing – PA/406/404 and plans – Cumberland
13 Apr 10	Mitigation Workshop - Portland
14-15 Apr 10	JFO meeting re: project identification
21 Apr 10	County Directors' meeting re: updating projects in plans
23 Apr 10	JFO site visits to potential project site
28-30 Apr 10	Maine Prepares Conference at Civic Center
4 May 10	JFO project identification continued
5 May 10	State Plan meeting with Maine State Planning Office
6 May 10	Mitigation Workshop - Portland
16-21 May 10	Aroostook site visits, planning and workshops
24 May 10	Discussions with Land Use Regulation Commission, DEP
26 May 10	Franklin County Plan meeting, workshop and site visit
7 June 10	MaineDOT meeting re: plans and technical assistance
16 June 10	County Directors' meeting re: plans and resources
17 June 10	Franklin County Plan meeting, workshop and site visit
24-25 June 10	External Stakeholders Work Group (national) re: plans, projects and applicants
29 June 10	36th Saint John River Basin Hydrology Committee Meeting
1 July 10	Conference call with MaineDOT re: projects
12 July 10	State Plan meeting with consultant
13 July 10	Briefing – PA/406/404 and plans – York
15 July 10	Briefing – PA/406/404 and plans – Hancock
21 July 10	County Directors' meeting re: plan protocols
21 July 10	MEMA Preparedness material – Inland Hospital Health Fair
29 July 10	Stakeholders final review of revised State Plan at MEMA
Sep 10	MEMA Preparedness material – Seadogs game
Sep 10	"Preparedness Month" – newspaper inserts (see "Communications" below)
24 Sep 10	MEMA Preparedness material - Regional Southern Maine Resource Center

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Date	
1 Oct 10	MEMA Preparedness material – Senior Plus Expo
12-13 Oct 10	Annual Maine Municipal Association Conference – MEMA Preparedness material
	Key Exercises in Preparedness and Planning
23 Aug 08	Scenario: Explosion on tourist boat in northern town of Greenville in the middle of Moosehead Lake; Mass Casualty Incident Exercise
20 Aug 09	Scenario: Ammonia release from ice rink at Bates College causing haz-mat response and alert/notification of evacuations in Lewiston
23 Aug 09	Scenario: Incident in Oxford county requires sheltering for 60+ victims
29 Oct 09	Scenario: Various failures in our regular communications systems: 24 hr Statewide (State and 14 Counties) Communications exercise
19 May 10	Scenario: Cruise ship accident in Bar Harbor; Mount Desert Island Mass Rescue Operations TTX discussing the evacuation, triage, care of patients
24 Jul 10	Scenario: Accident at Twin Rivers Paper Company; Aroostook County exercises their hazardous material plan in Madawaska

	Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
13-14 Sep 08	Oxford County - CERT Jamboree exercising and training all CERT, CART, ARES, and SAR Groups at Bog Brook
19-20 Sep 09	Hancock County - CERT Jamboree exercising and training all CERT, CART, ARES, and SAR Groups at Schoodic Education and Research Cntr
18-19 Sep 10	Kennebec County - CERT Jamboree exercising and training all CERT, CART, ARES, and SAR Groups at Camp Laurel.
	Communications
Monthly	Director's Monthly Newsletter – on website and distributed through County EMA Directors to their communities; with action recommendations for individuals, municipal officials and private sector businesses.
Annual (Sept)	"Maine Prepares" Insert in major Sunday papers; circulation 300,000 – addresses hazards, preparedness at personal, local, county, state and federal levels.