Break-out Group #3: Top-Down/Bottom-Up Hybrid Strategies for Integrated Recovery

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1. Who should be responsible for integrating disaster recovery?
2. What are the barriers to the integration of disaster recovery?
3. What are the next steps?
How should we integrate disaster recovery and Who should be responsible for integrating disaster recovery?

• Transition from response to recovery include in National Incident Management System (NIMS)
• Sometimes local community is completely overwhelmed
• Community must plan to integrate with feds in their pre-event planning
• Overall, integrated fed policy needed—we now have it with the NDRF recognizing the local community role.
• Need to first define “recovery”
• Local/Regional as appropriate knowledge, High-level= Resources, and need political apathy for long-term planning
• Fed/State support local priorities (locals can act fast)
• Local levels must integrate all stakeholders to work with Feds (who also must integrate across agencies)
• Example: Laurie Johnson’s model
• Standardize/professionalize disaster recovery
• FEMA is lead, but local has primacy (all resources should be found in the community)
• Decentralize authority from top down
What are the barriers to the integration of disaster recovery?

- Competing interests (all actors)
  - Different political interests
  - Different business interests
- Lack of communication between silos
- Lack of funding for planning (as well as recovery)
- No legal authority/mandate for long-term recovery, no money, and no models
- Insurance not taking enough of a role? Not properly structured?
- Lack of a public demand? (stimulate behavior change)
- Local paradox
- Political apathy
- Lack of trust
- Lack of recognition that recovery is not like response. Loosely coupled system
What are the next steps?

• Establish mandate
  – 2011 had 99 declarations and 14 states with $1 billion plus ev

• Role for education (teach risk, recovery, resilience at universities)

• Transfer research to practice

• Get media on board/PR

• Lack common set of messages for politicians