PALM BEACH COUNTY
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY
WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Village of Palm Springs
226 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs 33461

I. Call to Order – 9:05 a.m. - Welcome and Introductions – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- Agency representation will be reflected in meeting notes:

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- Ralph welcomed everyone and reminded all to sign in
- Introductions were made by all
- Meeting minutes can be found at http://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Sections/Planning-Local-Mitigation-Strategy.aspx

II. Update of Projects on PPL – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- 17 new projects added to the PPL effective May 8, 2019
- “Aged-out” projects (5+ years on PPL) are being identified
  - Applicants will be notified to resubmit in the October PPL submission period, or the project will be removed by the Steering Committee in November
- All projects on the list remain eligible to apply for HMGP funds in priority order
- By late summer, Joe will notify municipalities for intent on the projects
- Any new projects can be added to the PPL
• Ralph stated that you should identify projects now; don’t wait – develop resiliency plan – at next cycle, identify more projects that can be added to the PPL, October deadline will come up quickly
• GHC – Ralph spoke with others on the use of cost benefit analysis tool
• Approach to obtaining FEMA funds - always be ready to apply for funding whenever it becomes available
• Ralph used the example of Seawalls along the communities in PBC – studies done on sea wall construction priorities, elevation issues, private property/public property, sea-level rise.
  ▪ Need to promote a coordinated county-wide effort, concentrate our activities to do good seawall work, what can be done using 75% match from federal government. He stated to research efforts from the St. Augustine seawall study as they obtained 75% grant monies

III. **LMS2020 DRAFT Completed – Joe Mercurio, LMS Coordinator**
• Joe stated that all the planning factors to accomplish LMS2020 have been completed. They finalized public stakeholder events with publicized events and online surveys.
  • One event was held with SFWMD
  • Second event was held in coordination with Wellington
  • Public online survey was in effect over the same period to gain comments from individuals who were not able to make the two scheduled events
  • Additional points available with our public involvement, it can become a higher rated project, Shane reviewed crosswalk, LMS 2015 obtained 91 points, the estimate now is around 225 points
• Joe stated that he is currently working on LMS2020 Appendix with inclusion of final document additions
• He is also completing the FL Crosswalk for full submission to the State. When the state reviews LMS, it’s returned to us and municipalities are able to adopt
• He also noted that the Florida governor created an Office of Resilience, more information to come

IV. **Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) – Joe Mercurio, LMS Coordinator**
• The DRRA advances FEMA strategic priorities
• Authorizes a national public infrastructure pre-disaster hazard mitigation grant program funded through the Disaster Relief Fund
The County took a recent phone call with the state; DRRA is a reform to the Stafford Act, more programs coming under this reform act, recognize activities that have not covered efficiently.

New grant program named the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

- Will replace the well-known Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program most likely in the year 2020.
- BRIC is geared towards large type of infrastructures, as opposed to individual efforts; the guidance is now with FEMA.
- Questions from the meeting audience arose on reference to BRIC; “Can an individual utilize BRIC for say, home elevations?” Unfortunately, it is for large infrastructures, not homes.
- It is a Federal funded program; not enough details as of yet.
- This is targets at 6% of the disaster relief budget; has potential to reach as high as one (1) billion dollars in future funding.
- Suggestion remains to place projects on your list.
- Ralph comments that’s it’s beneficial to attend GHC and classes where information is shared on LMS and CRS, benefit cost analysis, etc.
- Ralph will provide the information he learned at the classes.
- Ralph gave example of a small county that was awarded $38 million.
- Do not have a negative approach, look for opportunities to bring dollars to your community, provide documentation to make it easier for approval.
  - BCA takes thirty (30) minutes if you provide all of your information - follow guidelines on the website, show meeting minutes, public involvement, copies of letters, page numbers, details, copy of CIP.

Wildfire prevention – Section 1204, fire management assistance grant, dollar values have been increased, half million dollars in grant activity, consists of re-seeding and ground cover, mulching, installing fire signs and more.

Section 1206 – code enforcement – FEMA assist flood plain managers, enforcement functions, inspections for substantial damage compliance.

HMGP Management Cost – Section 1215 – expand monies that are eligible, direct and indirect admin monies, 10% for recipients (State); 5% sub-recipients (County).

Management costs – 100% federally share – FEMA has not implemented this as of yet, will not count against your BCA.

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V. **Community Resources System (CRS) - Joe Mercurio, LMS Coordinator**
- Home Depot STK Events on June 1, 2019
- Events coordinated with local Home Depots, reached out to all stores
- Distributed flooding, mitigation, storm season information, obtain CRS points

VI. **Training Opportunities**
- GHC was held recently in West Palm Beach
- View the FEMA Independent Studies website for training opportunities; [https://training.fema.gov/is/](https://training.fema.gov/is/)
- Course in Pompano Beach, FL on August 7th – AWR-362 Flooding Hazards: Science & Preparedness: focuses the identification and assessment of hazards due to flooding to enable proper preparedness and response
- FL Floodplain Managers Association; [https://floodplain.org/](https://floodplain.org/)

VII. **Questions/Comments – Ralph Wall, Chairperson**
- Joe provided handouts on the DRRA; Hurricane Michael funding handout – see attachment
- LMS Times will be published shortly; send articles and photos to Joe; deadline at the end of the month
- LMS Working Group - Joe will email stakeholders to obtain updates on LMS Working Group Primary and Secondary contacts
- An audience member requested for more structure in the meetings, possibly PowerPoints on bigger topics

VIII. **Next Meeting: September 11, 2019; 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**
   Village of Golf
   21 Country Rd South
   Village of Golf, FL 33436

IX. **Adjournment – Ralph Wall, Chairperson – 9:47 a.m.**