



**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:

Atlantis	Palm Beach
Boynton Beach	Palm Beach Gardens
Cloud Lake	Palm Springs
Golf	Riviera Beach
Greenacres	Royal Palm Beach
Haverhill	South Palm Beach
Indian River ID	Ocean Ridge
Juno Beach	Palm Beach County
Lake Clarke Shores	Seacoast Utility
Lake Park	SFWMD
Lake Worth	South Bay
Lantana	West Palm Beach

- 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



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- 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



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- 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/>
 - 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/>

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.

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



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