



**PALM BEACH COUNTY
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY
WORKING GROUP
MINUTES**



**June 13, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
City of Greenacres Council Chambers
5800 Melaleuca Lane, Greenacres 33463**

Attendees:

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| Palm Beach County | City of Atlantis |
| Highland Beach Police Department | City of South Bay |
| Town of Palm Beach | City of Palm Beach Gardens |
| Town of Lantana | Town of Briny Breezes |
| City of Lake Worth | Town of Lake Park |
| City of Greenacres | Indian Trail Improvement District |
| City of West Palm Beach | Town of Hypoluxo |
| Town of Haverhill | South Palm Beach |
| South Florida Water Management District | Village of Palm Springs |
| Village of Royal Palm Beach | City of Belle Glade |
| Village of Gulf | City of Delray Beach |
| City of Boynton Beach | Public |

- I. **Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions – Ralph Wall, Chairperson**
 - o Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.
 - Agency representation will be reflected in meeting notes
 - 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**
 - 24 Projects started, 21 completed and submitted in WebEOC
 - o Three municipalities decided not to do their projects at this time
 - o Everyone should have received a copy of the PPL that were approved by the Steering Committee
 - 21 new projects added to the PPL effective May 9, 2018
 - All “aged-out” projects have been notified to resubmit in the October submission period or their project will be removed by the Steering Committee in November
 - All projects on the list as of today are eligible to apply for HMGP-Irma funds

- III. **LMS2020 DRAFT Completed – Ralph Wall, Chairperson**
 - After a conversation with the State Mitigation Bureau, it has been decided to hold off on sending the LMS2020 draft into the State for review



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- We will be submitting our LMS2020 at the end of the year.
- If we sent it now, it would have to be adopted within 1 year of their review, which would move our 5-year recertification date forward to sometime in mid-2019, which would be disadvantageous
- We will continue to update documentation to the appendix, and will hold public meetings to get final draft input from public stakeholders as required by CRS rules

IV. LMS-CRS reuniting under one coordinator – Shane Ratliff, LMS/CRS Coordinator

- PBCDEM has combined the two programs under one coordinator as was the case several years ago
 - This ties in with item number 3
 - Shane has taken on both duties – LMS and CRS Coordinator.
 - By being the CRS coordinator Activity 510 allows him to go into the LMS and make sure all is complete and make any adjustments for ISO review. This allows us to meet all requirements in Activity 510 who use the LMS document as their Floodplain Management Plan.
 - Ralph-CRS people should consider integrating their CRS and LMS programs locally like the County did, since they are so tightly integrated, particularly in Floodplain Management. City of WPB just advised they will be moving from a Class 6 to a Class 5.
 - HLMP update: It is state-funded and Florida is the only state in the country to have this. The legislator puts away 7 ½ million dollars. You can receive over 2 million towards certain projects by doing a RFP to apply. However, at the Hurricane Conference 2018, State Mitigation staff stated there won't be a RFP because all the money is already obligated since Legislators exercised a provision in the law which allows them to obligate funds for projects in their districts. All money is gone for this year's program.
- This will allow both groups to be able to work with each other on things that would help either program
 - Both the LMS and CRS groups can work together and we might have meetings together in the future. We can look at some flooding projects. Here are projects CRS can look at on the LMS side. Projects from CRS and LMS intermingle many times.
- Many of the same people sit on both committees

V. Hurricane Irma HMGP funding opportunity – Shane Ratliff, LMS Coordinator

- The application period ends August 6, 2018
 - Make sure to get in your application before this date. There are no extensions and you won't be able to fix any mistakes.



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- The applications are evaluated as they come in (not waiting till Aug 6 to begin reviews) and you will already have all the technical, environmental, historical, etc. reviews done before the deadline, so all you would be one of the first submitted to FEMA for funding if approved by the state.
- If you have a project on the PPL now, you are eligible to apply
 - October is the next submission period
 - Next PPL comes out in November by the Steering Committee
- Currently, there is over 15 million dollars in Tier 1 funds for Palm Beach County (subject to change at FEMA's discretion), so we are encouraging every project to apply for this money
 - The lock-in for the dollar amount is around September 11, 2018. The word from State Mitigation at the Hurricane Conference is that number is going up as they are getting more receipts for damages, which will increase the HMGP funds available.
- Tier 2 funding is allocated based on the leftover money from Tier 1 that is not used. The more "outstanding" Tier 1 projects we are not able to fund, the larger of the share of Tier 2 funding we will be eligible for
- You are required to have a letter of support from the LMS. Once you have sent the LMS Coordinator a copy of your application to FEMA, he will provide you with a letter of support

VI. Questions/Comments – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- City of West Palm Beach received a letter from ISO that they have qualified to be a Class 5. They had points for class 4 but did not meet certain pre-requisites. No jurisdictions south of Orlando can qualify for Class 4 according to someone they talked with.
- Shane-congratulations to Town of Lantana and Village of Palm Springs. Both were approved by FEMA for HGMP funds from Hurricane Matthew
- Bill Johnson, Palm Beach County DEM – What was the rationale ISO used for not granting City of WPB a Class 4? Ralph - "we need a language that says any and all development in a jurisdiction will be able to handle a 100 year flood event. Any structure in a special flood hazard area. You have to build that structure above the 100-year floodplain, and you also have to be able to handle the 100-year flood water on that property. The water can't leave that property. It sounds like you would have to build a lake and a berm around the house. You have to control and direct the water." It would be very difficult to meet this requirement.
- Ralph is still going to work on a solution. This is an ISO person who said this.
- Bill - we will be happy to help.



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- We will need to have public meetings again to showcase what we have come up with and consider their feedback. Laura Corry, SFWMD and Village of Wellington offered to host the meetings. We need to have a meeting in the east and west of the county.
- Bill-Announced that we PBCDEM host a Municipal EM Representative and our EM Team meeting on the third Wednesday of every month starting at 9 a.m. He would like more involvement from other municipalities so please attend.
- Be advised that if we don't lock up that 15 million dollars in Tier 1 then when that money comes around for Tier 2 it will probably go to Miami-Dade because they already have projects submitted and the same with Tier 3. They load up their projects in order to receive whatever money is remaining. Also, in a meeting yesterday Ralph and others after reviewing their projects yesterday he went through the entire PPL list and saw a trend of projects for the same things. He is hearing in his jurisdiction of people stating that it's a lot of work. Point is in that meeting he brought the subject up about what Miami-Dade is doing. It is a perennial revenue source for their jurisdiction. Ralph stated why don't we as a county coordinate as a county on these similar projects and we might receive more money. Looking at these projects to we can help out other jurisdiction as an example, West Palm Beach has more people to help on projects than South Bay. It's about having enough resources. Can we consider as a countywide committee assisting our LMS jurisdictions to put together an application to help them get their application done?

VII. Next Meeting: September 12, 2018, Location – Town of Lantana Police Department, 901 N 8th Street, Lantana, 9 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment – Ralph Wall, Chairperson
○ Meeting adjourned at 9:41



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