



**PALM BEACH COUNTY
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY
STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**



May 8, 2019

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Palm Beach County EOC – Broadcast Studio
20 South Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415**

- I. **Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions – Ralph Wall, Chairperson**
- Attendance reflected on sign in sheet
 - Meeting minutes may be found at <http://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Sections/Planning-Local-Mitigation-Strategy.aspx>
- II. **LMS2020 Public Post-Survey – Joe Mercurio, LMS Coordinator**
- The LMS2020 is up for public comment at two locations in May
 - South Florida Water Management District – May 2, 2019
 - Wellington Community Center – May 20, 2019; 5:30-6:30pm
 - Public comment survey is current live across County and Municipality social media platforms
 - Take the opportunity to promote in your community
 - Closing date for survey is Friday, May 24, 2019 at 5:00pm
 - State submission on final product prior to July 31, 2019
 - A motion was made to develop guidance sheet for scoring, however, a product is developed and utilized for the Evaluations Panel. Mr. Mercurio will revisit for clarity and ease-of-use.
 - Add Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) – include figures, cost of damage and adding as much detail as possible
 - The Chairman asked that stakeholders place emphasis on identification of risk values and formulas; otherwise possibility of not acquiring full value of eligible points
 - A comment was made that stakeholders provide and promote reference page numbers, especially on municipality Master Plans for quick reference for evaluators; can't search over 400 pages of a document looking for public support
 - The Committee was reminded that the purpose of project rankings have value when the plan is reviewed for execution after a disaster; this is the order of funding priorities



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- The Committee was also reminded that projects can be worked for improvements over the course of the year and held in a non-ranked status until ready for submittal
 - Helps alleviate rushing a written project within a two-week window
- After submitted for scoring, it cannot be edited
- Comments were made that the State LMS has an aggressive schedule for providing Requests For Information (RFI's); many claimed that response times were as quick as 48 hours for return responses

III. Review and Approval of Spring 2019 PPL – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- Total of 17 projects submitted
- A DRAFT PPL was provided on screen for review and consideration
- Upon consent and approval, a final PPL will be emailed to all members and transmitted to State of Florida Mitigation
- Eight (8) out of fifteen (15) members needed for quorum
 - List of members was verified and quorum was met
- The DRAFT PPL was viewed on the electronic screens for the entire audience
 - All members had the opportunity to review and comment
 - Seeing no further comments or concerns were made
 - Motion to Approve was made; Seconded
 - The Spring 2019 Prioritized Project List was APPROVED by unanimous consent
- Mr. Mercurio will take for ACTION to remove DRAFT language and prepare the document for FINAL submission for State review.
- FINAL 2019 PPL will be emailed to full LMS Group and consent will be noted at the LMS Working Group scheduled for June 12, 2019.

IV. Training Opportunities

- Governors Hurricane Conference
 - Grant preparation training should be utilized
 - a. Scoring system proves beneficial for application process



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- V. **Questions/Comments – Ralph Wall, Chairperson; Joe Mercurio**
- LMS Times was promoted for all stakeholders to present any mitigation efforts that are happening in the community. It does not all have to be flooding or hurricane material
 - Display and distribution
 - Community provides photos, videos, etc. to promote LMS
 - The county should be identified for recognition purposes
- VI. **Next Meeting:** August 14, 2019 at 9:00am at the EOC



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