



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



August 26, 2020

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

**Palm Beach County EOC – Telephone Conference
20 South Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415**

I. Dial-in Information

- This meeting was established as a teleconference to protect scheduled participants from any potential COVID-19 exposure. A call-in number of 1-561-776-2160 was utilized by stakeholders to access the Steering Committee meeting.

II. Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- Mr. Wall called the meeting to order at 09:02 am. Representation is reflected in the meeting minutes:

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| ○ Carlos Cedeño | ○ Jongelene Adams |
| ○ Dave Rotar | ○ Ken Roundtree |
| ○ Debbie Manzo | ○ Laura Corry |
| ○ Elizabeth Perez | ○ Ralph Wall |
| ○ Jacquelyn Anderson | ○ Shane Ratliff |
| ○ John Garofalo | ○ Joe Mercurio |

- Meeting minutes will be found at
<http://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Sections/Planning-Local-Mitigation-Strategy.aspx>

III. Review and Project Submissions for Fall 2020 PPL – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- Establish submission dates
 - Mr. Wall allowed Joe Mercurio to present the selected dates established for the Fall PPL submissions. Joe first stated that the fall LMS PPL submissions will be accepted from September 14 to close of business September 25, 2020. All new and edited projects from a municipality/County will be accepted over this period of time.
 - Ms. Manzo asked a question of the Committee in a proposal to extend the submission dates due to staffing, and COVID-19 response actions by stakeholder communities.
 - Conversation ensued stating that project submissions could occur at any point prior to official open dates.



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- A committee member proposed a new official start date of September 01, 2020.
 - Joe motioned that the fall LMS PPL submissions will be accepted from September 01 to close of business September 25, 2020. The motion was seconded and full membership agreed.
- Joe stated that the Review/Scoring Period will run from September 28 to October 02, 2020. During this period, Evaluation Committee members are able to provide a self-review of projects submitted. They are able to compile questions, concerns, and acceptance of projects before they virtually convene in full Committee scoring.
- The Evaluation Panel will formalize submissions with the full virtual meeting to finalize and rank scores on October 07. Joe will take for action all project scores and prioritize rank order all PPL items from highest to lowest. He will compile the Fall PPL for review and consideration of the Steering Committee.
 - Mr. Wall will establish a virtual Zoom-link so the Evaluation Panel has visual access to documents and possible project stakeholder presentations.
 - The Steering Committee will set to approve the new PPL at the November 10 regular meeting. Once approved, the Fall PPL is submitted to the State and published for all LMS stakeholders.
 - Shane wanted to ensure all municipalities have all opportunities towards projects submissions. This was a take-away from the 2020 LMS review by the State, with an aim to ensure all communities have a project on the PPL.
 - Joe wanted to ensure WebEOC (LMS) access is confirmed by logging-in prior to submission period.

IV. Notice of Funding Availabilities – Joe Mercurio, LMS Coordinator

- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
 - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) makes federal funds available through the new Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) grant program to states, local communities, tribes, and territories for pre-disaster mitigation activities. BRIC is a new FEMA pre-disaster hazard mitigation program that replaces the existing Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program. The BRIC priorities are to:



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- incentivize public infrastructure projects;
 - incentivize projects that mitigate risk to one or more lifelines;
 - incentivize projects that incorporate nature-based solutions; and,
 - incentivize adoption and enforcement of modern building codes.
 - Opens September 30, 2020.
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
 - FEMA makes federal funds available through the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program to states, local communities, tribes and territories to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Opens September 30, 2020.
 - Both Shane and Joe requested information from the State reference these applications necessity to be on the PPL. While information has not be returned by this meeting, we believe we should defer to the affirmative; projects should be on the PPL to move forward in grant applications. Joe will prepare Letters of Support as necessary to assist an application for acceptance.
 - The State came back with a response that if the proposed project is not on the LMS priority list, a letter of support from the LMS Chair will suffice. The letter will need to be attached to the subapplication.

V. **Questions/Comments – Ralph Wall, Chairperson**

- The meeting concluded at 09:46 am.

VI. **Next Meeting: November 10, 2020 at 9:00am, tentatively at the EOC**

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