



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



**September 9, 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; PIN 763200#, was utilized by stakeholders to access the LMS Working Group meeting.

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

- Mr. Wall called the meeting to order at 09:01 am. Agency representation is reflected in the meeting minutes:

Boynton Beach, City of	Palm Beach Shores, Town of
Cloud Lake, Town of	Palm Beach, Town of
Delray Beach, City of	Palm Springs, Village of
Juno Beach, Town of	Riviera Beach, City of
Jupiter, Town of	Royal Palm Beach, Village of
Lake Clarke Shores, Town of	South Bay, City of
Lake Park, Town of	South Palm Beach, Town of
Lake Worth, City of	Tequesta, Village of
Lantana, Town of	West Palm Beach, City of
Manalapan, Town of	Westlake, City of
Ocean Ridge, Town of	PBC Planning, Zoning, and Building
Palm Beach County DEM	Port of Palm Beach
Palm Beach Gardens, City of	South Florida Water Management District

- 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

- Establishment of submission dates
 - Mr. Wall introduced Joe Mercurio to present the selected dates established for the Fall Prioritized Project List (PPL) submissions. Joe first stated that the fall LMS PPL submissions will be accepted from September 01 to close of business September 25, 2020. All new and



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edited projects from a municipality/ County will be accepted over this period of time.

- 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.
- Joe will also review the last PPL for projects that are five (5) years or older that have not received re-submission, support, or inaction. An email will be generated to those municipalities that may be affected.
- The Evaluation Panel will formalize submissions with the full virtual meeting to finalize and rank scores on October 07. Joe will take all projects scores and prioritize in ranking order all PPL items from highest to lowest. He will compile the Fall PPL for review and approval 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 consider 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 every opportunity 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. Even if this is a “wish list” item that you do not have funding for, you should submit it if you have no other projects on the PPL. It is important for you to have a project active on the County’s PPL at all times.
 - 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:
 - incentivize public infrastructure projects;



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- 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.
 - Grant applications may ask if the pending project is on the current PPL. It is suggested that all projects submitted through BRIC be approved and ranked on the PBC PPL, in order to receive an LMS letter of support.
- 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.

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

- The meeting concluded at 09:37 am.

VI. **Next Meeting: December 09, 2020 at 9:00am, tentatively at the EOC.**

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