



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



June 10, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

PBC Emergency Operations Center - Teleconference

I. Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions – Ralph Wall, LMS Chair; Carlos Cedeño, LMS Co-Chair; Joe Mercurio, LMS Coordinator

- Agency representation is reflected from telephonic roll-call (see attachment)
- Meeting minutes will be found at <http://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Sections/Planning-Local-Mitigation-Strategy.aspx>

II. Update of Current State of Emergency Operations

- Joe thanked all for dialing into the conference call. He provided a current overview of the County as we all remain well engaged with COVID-19 response actions. He appreciated everyone taking the time to be on the call, serving as a reminder that agencies may possibly begin to move on programs that languished.
- As of this call, we have LMS Coordinators at places of work and at home

III. Update of Projects on 2019 Fall PPL – Joe Mercurio, LMS Coordinator

- The dates for the Spring Submission period had previously been issued.
- Submissions were to be accepted from April 06 – 17, with evaluations and scoring from April 20 – May 01
- Final PPL recommendations were to be approved May 14 at the LMS Steering Committee regular meeting
- However, all submissions were postponed until the Fall 2020 timeframe due to COVID-19 response actions by all members.
 - We will still meet the intent and requirements of a 2020 PPL submission as the State seeks only one input per year. Palm Beach County elects to usually submit twice a year in order to have well refined projects always at the forefront for possible submissions.
- We currently have 76 projects on the Fall 2019 PPL

IV. Community Rating System (CRS) Outreach – Joe Mercurio, LMS Coordinator

- As a LMS and CRS component to both programs, we usually held Home Depot STK Events for the PBC community on or about June 1st.
- Events coordinated with local Home Depots, reached out to all stores for distribution of flooding, mitigation, storm season information, in order to obtain CRS points



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- This could not occur this year due to COVID-19 response actions by all stakeholders, and social distancing concern within store properties.
- There is no future date for make up of this event. Joe encouraged people to utilize social media platforms to continue in mitigation educational promotions.

V. **Training Opportunities**

- All proposed on-site training events have been cancelled and remain so into the near future. Many agencies are trying to convert to on-line training promotions and Joe will pass along any opportunities that may be in the future.
- View the FEMA Independent Studies (IS) website for possible training opportunities

VI. **Around the Call Questions/Happenings/Concerns**

- Joe was on the State Mitigation call on June 9, 2020 and received information on HMGP updates (see attachment)
- There is a possible DR-4468 Hurricane Dorian NOFA announcement in August 2020. More to follow.

VII. **Next Meeting: September 09, 2020, Possible Location – Port of Palm Beach**

VIII. **Adjournment at 09:24 – Carlos Cedeño, LMS Co-Chair**



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