



PALM BEACH COUNTY  
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY  
WORKING GROUP  
AGENDA



September 22, 2021  
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Conference Call

I. Call to Order – Welcome – Ralph Wall, Chairperson – *Called to order at 9:00 AM*

II. Roll Call – Ronnie Heen, PBCDEM

- Agency representation will be reflected in the meeting minutes

Atlantis – Not Present  
**Belle Glade – Present**  
Boca Raton – Not Present  
**Boynton Beach – Present**  
Briney Breezes – Not Present  
**Cloud Lake – Present**  
**Delray Beach – Present**  
Glen Ridge – Not Present  
**Golf – Present**  
**Greenacres – Present**  
Gulf Stream – Not Present  
Haverhill – Not Present  
Highland Beach – Not Present  
Hypoluxo – Not Present  
**Juno Beach – Present**  
**Jupiter – Present**  
Jupiter Inlet Colony – Not Present  
**Lake Clarke Shores – Present**  
**Lake Park – Present**  
**Lake Worth Beach – Present**  
**Lantana – Present**  
Loxahatchee Groves – Not Present

**Manalapan – Present**  
**North Palm Beach – Present**  
Ocean Ridge – Not Present  
Mangonia Park – Not Present  
**Palm Beach – Present**  
**Palm Beach Gardens – Present**  
Pahokee – Not Present  
**Palm Beach County – Present**  
**Palm Beach Shores – Present**  
**Palm Springs – Present**  
**Riviera Beach – Present**  
**Royal Palm Beach – Present**  
**Seacoast Utility Authority – Present**  
South Bay – Not Present  
**South Palm Beach – Present**  
**Tequesta – Present**  
**Village of Palm Springs – Present**  
**Wellington – Present**  
Westlake – Not Present  
**West Palm Beach – Present**  
**Baptist Health – Present**  
CRS Max Consults – Not Present



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**III. 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Flood Mitigation Assistance Webinar Series**

- Remaining training periods are:
  - i. 8 September 2021
  - ii. 13 September 2021
  - iii. 20 September 2021
  - iv. 23 September 2021
  - v. 13 October 2021
- All previous sessions have been recorded.
  - i. <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/2021-building-resilient-infrastructure-and-communities-and-flood-mitigation-assistance-programs>

**IV. LMS PPL Fall 2021 – Ronnie Heen, PBCDEM**

- Submission Period September 22 – October 2, 2021.
- One week in between to look over projects then goes to evaluation period.
- Evaluation Period October 13 – 27, 2021
- Evaluation Panel Virtual Meeting TBD on or before November 3, 2021 – Once evaluated gives it a few weeks to put together a new PPL.
- New PPL approval on or before 10 November by LMS Steering Committee
- All documents located on our LMS Webpage:  
<https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Sections/Planning-Local-Mitigation-Strategy.aspx>

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

- The BRIC and FMA submission dates are September 30<sup>th</sup> to November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. That's the hard deadline from the state.
- Another optional resource provided by Ian Ohlin (FDEM) to aid your jurisdictions in using the FEMA GO platform.
  - i. [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL720Kw\\_OoJlIoKKliEE3oWaHOI3cVXb35](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL720Kw_OoJlIoKKliEE3oWaHOI3cVXb35)

**Ralph:** If you are going to submit for FMA or BRIC you should get it in and the first evaluation period will give us time to determine if it's a valid project for the PPL. Last year we received a project that did not qualify at all. If it is deemed acceptable then we will review it. The score that you get on the PPL will not be a



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factor or a condition to get it approved by FEMA. It's a scoring system to use during a disaster. That's where our ranking comes in. So our score will not determine if your project will get approved by FEMA it's how well the project has been put together. If you need to get your project to us and to FEMA then please submit it and we will review and issue your letter. As soon as you submit we will send out the letter, and you will be able to submit that letter with your FEMA projects in time for the November 12<sup>th</sup> deadline. Your hold up will not be the letter. We will get that over to you right away.

**Ken:** What does PPL stand for, saw that in the chat. If you want to clarify what that means. Ralph did a great job with that.

**Ronnie:** Our LMS guide for the county, there is a Prioritized Project List. That's what the PPL is. That's what Ralph was describing. Each agency that takes part within the LMS mitigation policy, they submit a project. There is a score that's associated with each of the projects. The higher the score the higher you are on the priority list. So when FEMA comes in during a disaster and picks the top scoring projects those are the potential project that will be picked. Make sure we get these projects on the list so if and when you do apply for FEMA you have a scoring project which is a criteria.

**Ralph:** it is a prerequisite. They will want a letter from the LMS committee. That this project is listed on the PPL. You have to be listed on the PPL in order to apply for the FEMA funds.

**Ronnie:** A lot of this information is already listed out in our LMS guiding document. Information on the projects and what is needed.

**Q:** How many funding cycles are there?

**Ronnie:** We do two cycles every year. Middle of March through April. And then September through October and getting it approved in November. So we have two submission periods one in the Spring and one in the Fall.

**Brett:** We send out the project list and the LMS score sheet so they know what to put when we go through the projects.

**Ronnie:** The PPL as well as the score sheet and the guiding principles are on the link that's on the agenda through the link. Areas of improvements for these plans. I will highlight that within the minutes.



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**Q:** Can you have more than one funded project available at the same time and still in progress?

**Ronnie:** Yes, if you have grant money from one project, you can still have one in submission. Yes, you can have more than one funded project active at a time.

**Ralph:** I was trying to access that site, and I got an error, but I think that was an error on my end. But yes, it looks like the site is working. Brett are you asking us to actually send documents or just the links?

**Brett:** Either way. For me it's just easier when we sit down to look at the project, it's nice to have the LMS score sheet in front of me. And if I have the guidelines in front of me it makes it easier for submission.

**Ralph:** Yes, we will send out links that will send you directly to those documents. When I sit down with the city folks who are going to be submitting projects we go over those documents and we look at those things and review as we are building our applications.

**Ronnie:** The link was for the division of emergency management and you do have to click one more time to get to the LMS page. But I will send a direct link that sends you directly to the LMS page that will provide you with all the documents, it discusses project information, has our LMS times, has our previous spring PPL the guidance documents and the scoring form. I will update this link and make it more available. As well as the meeting minutes from the previous meetings. Giving you the resource so you can look at this at a later time. I will update that link.

**Q:** Will you be adding the FMA FEMA link to submit the projects to them?

**Ralph:** The November 12<sup>th</sup> deadline is through the state. That's going to need to be submitted through the State of Florida emergency management website. The state does the review before sending it off to FEMA.

**Q:** Do the municipalities have to attend so many meetings a year? Can we look at which municipalities are not close so we can let them know?

**Ronnie:** Yes, at this point if anyone has missed the meetings or has not met the two that are required I will reach out to them and let them know they will need to attend these meetings.



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**Ralph:** That means that you are not going to be in good standing to be able to submit any of the PPL projects. Your participation is not just affecting you at this local level, it's affecting your community that you have certified to FEMA that you will participate in this program. Not attending is jeopardizing your standing with FEMA.

**Ken:** Thank you Ralph. It's really easy to attend the meetings. If anyone has any questions, I'm also available other than Ronnie and Ralph. It's really a cool thing once you get involved in. It's really a county involvement. There are a lot of projects in a wide variety out there.

- VI. **Next Meeting Date: December 8, 2021, at 9:00am (virtual)**
- VII. **Adjournment – Ralph Wall, Chairperson – *Meeting adjourned at 9:41 AM***



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