PALM BEACH COUNTY
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY
STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES

November 10, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Palm Beach County EOC – Teleconference/WebEx

I.   **Dial-in Information**

Web Ex Meeting: LMS Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Number: 2317 974 4933

Meeting password: CYbmpEqx635

Date and time: Wednesday, November 10, 2021   9:00 AM

To join meeting: https://pbc-gov.webex.com/pbc-gov/j.php?MTID=m0315b1c332c215206423277c891628ea

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1-904-900-2303
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II.   **Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions/Roll Call – Ronnie Heen**
Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Roll Call for Meeting:

Andrea Dobbins – Not Present	John Garofalo – Not Present
Angela Prymas – **Present**	**John James – Present**
Aileen Hernandez – Present	Jongelene Adams – Not Present
Carlos Cedeno – Present	**Ken Roundtree – Present**
David Rotar – Present	Laura Corry – Not Present
Doug Wise – Present	Laura Waterman – Not Present
Elizabeth Perez – Present	**Nicole Coates – Present**
Jacquelyn Anderson – Present	Ralph Wall – Not Present
Jeff Ludicello – Not Present	**Ronnie Heen – Present**
Jeremy McBryan – Not Present	

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III.   **LMS Steering Committee Member update – Ronnie Heen, PBC DEM**

- Working on increasing members
- If anyone has any recommendations, I can reach out to them and we can hopefully get them on board as soon as the next upcoming meetings.
- The next upcoming meetings are very detailed so would be good for these members to join and get right into it.
- **Ken**: Do you see in person meetings coming up in the county, or is it going to be virtual?
- **Ronnie**: Hoping we can start meeting in person but we may continue virtual meetings to minimize in person interactions. Until we get direct guidance that says we can start in-person meetings, we will still be doing virtual meetings.
- **Ken**: So the next working group will be virtual?
- **Ronnie**: Yes.

IV.   **Discussion regarding Fall PPL Submission Period – Ronnie Heen, PBC DEM**

- 20 project submitted
- 1 was a rescore
- 1 did not move forward because it did not meet project requirements for the state and for FEMA. Did not meet HMGP standards. Increased the PPL projects by 19, but due to one of the projects being rescored, it brings the total projects to 91.
- The LMS Evaluation Panel met on 29 October and looked over the comments and the marks. There was an 8-12 point range for the majority of the projects. We had more consistency with scoring the projects this time around
- Would like to go through the project with the SC members.
- 2 asterisks means it's a rescore, 1 asterisk means it's a new project.
- The displayed information/chart is what our new PPL will reflect
- Five projects moved up or were added on the list in just the top 20 projects
- The next focus will be talking to the municipalities that have had project on for a few years and see if they want to resubmit for a higher score, and/or if they are hitting the five-year mark then they will have to have them rescored. We do have a few of those coming up in the Spring of 2022.
- **Ronnie**: Any questions on what the Evaluation committee went over?
- **Ken**: When someone does a resubmission they are just submitting additional documentation. It wasn't a bad project it's just we require more

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so we can rescore the project. Seawalls are dominating the newer communities and that has a big financial impact.

- **Ronnie**: The documentation is why we see people resubmitting. The reason for these submissions is that the project information is changing. The cost of the project is gone up or the funding has changed…When we do have our next meeting with the working group we will put out more information on submitting projects with the proper documentation. Circumstances change over the years.
- High score was with one in the low 90s, a few around 88, and the low scores in the low 30s.
- Previous amount of projected costs for projects that were submitted was around 110 million, but some larger projects were submitted and so there is an increase to where we are almost at a quarter of a billion for cost.
- **Ken**: Can we recruit evaluators? Some of us have been on for 20 years. If we can get some new blood, and anyone wants to be on the Eval Panel we would like that.
- **Ronnie**: Yes, if anyone in the SC who has a recommendation for anyone they have in mind that they would like to join the Evaluation Committee, then we are open to it. After which we will vote on it and follow the procedure.
- **Dave**: I can't sit on a committee for at least a year after I retire. So it would be good to have new people coming in.
- **Ronnie**: Does anyone want to pass the PPL as it is?
- **Motion to pass forward the PPL made by Ken Roundtree, motion to second by Dave Rotar**. *Motion passes at 9:19 AM.*
- **Ronnie:** Perfect, we will make it available online and have it available for all to see and reference.
- **Angela**: Did we vote?
- **Ronnie**: Do we have approval from the committee to move forward? Any opposed?
- *All approved: Unanimous approval from the SC for the PPL.*

V.   **Watershed Planning Initiative – Ronnie Heen, PBC DEM**
- Once FAU comes out with the follow up info for the second phase, we need to discuss with the WG as well to see what counties are interested in applying for this initiative to develop a watershed plan for their area. I have sent a link and PowerPoint out to the municipalities describing the available information. I would like to have more of a discussion with some of the areas that are class 5 (in the CRS) that are prime candidates

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for this. Where they will be able to make a jump to class 4 with this document.

VI.   **Questions/Comments**
- **Question from Nicole regarding masks in county buildings for employees and visitors.**
- Following CDC Guidelines regarding masks in county buildings
  - **https://discover.pbcgov.org/coronavirus/pages/orders.aspx**
  - Until further notice, it is the county's policy that individuals must wear a facial covering or mask and social distance from other individuals while indoors on county property. County property includes all county owned and county-leased buildings where Palm Beach County's offices, divisions, departments, or constitutional offices conduct business.

VII.   **Next Meeting: February 9, 2022 at 9:00am, Web Ex (Virtual) –** *Meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM.*

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