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Pinellas County
Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Work Group
Annual Meeting
April 16, 2009
Eckerd College 4200 54th Avenue South Continuing
Education Center Flamingo Room

- Lisa Mets with Eckerd College welcomed the Working Group to the wonderful meeting space and members introduced themselves.
- Betti Johnson with TBRPC gave a presentation from her trip to Galveston, Texas including the City of Galveston and Bolivar Peninsula which were devastated in 2008 from Hurricane Ike. Before and after photos were presented (<http://www.khou.com/ikeanniversary>). There was serious concern discussed regarding (1) the impact of the size of the storm and the resulting storm surge. Hurricane Ike was a category 2 hurricane in terms of wind (95kt.); however its radii of maximum winds was more than 40 miles which generated 24 feet of storm surge comparable to a category 4 hurricane. Unfortunately, many residents felt it was "only" a category 2 hurricane and chose to "ride it out." More than 3500 people were rescued and 47 people killed.
- Copies of the updated Basic Plan (Draft) were distributed and discussed. Members were asked to provide comments by May 1st. The final draft LMS will be approved at the next meeting. All members should plan to attend.
- Copies of the updated Appendix 4 – Goals and Strategies – were also distributed. Member comments were included; however, if other members have recommendations, there is still time. Members were asked to provide any comments by May 1st.
- Most jurisdictions have completed both Appendix 5 – Programs, Policies, etc. and Appendix 6 – Department Responsibilities. Any which have not done these need to complete them as soon as possible or they can expect a phone call from Betti or Ed. If you need assistance, please contact Betti at (727) 570-5151 ext. 39.
- Appendix 7 – Public-Private Coordination will be posted on the website by Monday, April 27th. Please review and make any comments or recommendations to Betti at betti@tbrpc.org as soon as possible. Also, members need to let Ed know of any scheduled public meetings in their communities.
- A CD with the list of Critical Facilities was distributed to the jurisdiction membership. The list is protected under Florida law and is For Official Use Only. It is not for public distribution. The corresponding maps were distributed and will be in the LMS for public review. Again, members need to notify Betti of any changes by May 1st.

- Overview of Timeline and Deliverables – The goal is to have the Draft LMS and crosswalk to the Division of Emergency Management by May 15, 2009. This should provide the Division sufficient time to review and provide feedback to the Working Group prior to submittal to FEMA. Additional input from the community will be solicited over the next few months via Focus Groups, presentations to civic associations and public workshops. Upon approval from FEMA, the plan must be adopted by all jurisdictions by November 15, 2009.
- Schedule next meeting – May 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at TBRPC
- Adjourned at 11:30 p.m.