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Pinellas County
Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Work Group
Annual Meeting

January 21, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
4000 Gateway Centre Blvd. Suite 100

Pinellas

- Welcome and Introductions – Ed McKenzie, Vice Chair
The meeting started promptly at 10AM. Working group members introduced themselves.
- Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Ed
Nominations were accepted and elections held for LMS Chair and Vice Chair for 2010. Sally Bishop, Director of Emergency Management for Pinellas County was reelected as Chair. Ed McKenzie, Emergency Management Coordinator for Pinellas County was reelected as Vice Chair
- LMS Plan Crosswalk Round 1 – 09/10/09
Ed briefed the work group on the approval process for the LMS Plan. In the initial review, Laura Herbert, the FDEM reviewer felt the Economic Loss Vulnerability Index System (ELVIS) lacked info about vulnerability of infrastructure for various hazards. In addition, the future land use map didn't provide vulnerability in terms of types and number of future buildings.
- LMS Clarification – 10/06/09
Ed fixed those and went on to an email from Laura about additional informational requirements from Laura and his response to her. After additional modifications Laura sent the plan to FEMA.
- Interim – 11/16/09
The FEMA reviewer is Ed Hale and one of the things he noticed was a significant disparity with multiple and inconsistent lists of hazards in the plan. After discussion, Ed developed the approach that the hazards that Pinellas County mitigates against are limited to four: Coastal Flooding, Inland Flooding, Storm Winds, and Erosion. Further, even though mitigation initiatives for coastal flooding and inland flooding would be the same (dry floodproofing, elevating the structure, etc.) the sources of the hazards are different: coastal flooding results from storm surge and inland flooding results from heavy rainfall. To accommodate this significant change and simplification of hazards, Ed rewrote the Base Plan, Appendix 1 -Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, Appendix 4 – Goals and Objectives (to have hazards named properly), and Appendix 13 – Repetitive Loss Property Inventory (to get repetitive losses dealt with in one location).
- Round 2 – 12/03/09
The next required revision made it impossible to insulate the municipalities from the process. We needed to indicate in the project list which department in each jurisdiction would be accomplishing each of the 155 projects on the list. Ed sent an email to each jurisdiction, listing their projects and asking for that information. In response to an additional requirement, he added to each project on the list what hazards were being mitigated against. He showed the project list before and after those additions.

- Round 3 – 12/18/09 –
The initial crosswalk was 13 pages. Ed described the process of the reviewer including additional requirements and the applicant providing explanations. By this point in the back and forth process the crosswalk was 35 pages.
- Current status of Draft 2009 LMS Plan update
At this point we still need to address the method and schedule for monitoring the plan, as well as how the mitigation strategy from the original 2004 plan was incorporated into other planning documents or mechanisms. Inasmuch as FEMA already looked at it and provided their input, we are hopeful of a quick conditional approval.
- Annual letter.
Sally will be forwarding our annual letter to FDEM the Board of County Commissioners for their signature next week.
- Other Business.
Betti Johnson from TBRPC provided an update of other planning activities. These included the status of the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program, Tampa Bay Catastrophic Plan and the Pinellas County Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP).
Tampa Bay Region is serving as the “template” for the rest of the state in the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study (SRES) Program. The county emergency management agencies are reviewing the new storm tide limits based on the update of the SLOSH Model basin and planning assumptions. The new data will result in new vulnerability zones and new evacuation zones. There will also be a new color scheme which will better reflect the risk to the community. The new storm tide limits (which also define the CHHA) will be available on the website (www.tampabayprepares.org) and new evacuation zones will be available to communities within the next few weeks. The Hurricane Survival Guide will be published again this year with the new zones and it is realized that a significant public education campaign will be necessary to explain the changes to our residents.
The Tampa Bay region kicked-off the new Tampa Bay Catastrophic Plan on January 5th with a summit that included more than 300 participants representing public agencies (federal, state, local), private industry, non-profits and faith-based partners. Ten working groups will meet and design the plan. The project progress, meeting schedule and findings will be posted on the website: www.tampabaycatplan.org. Members are encouraged to visit the site, view the video and participate in the planning process.
The Pinellas County Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP) will kick off on February 5th at the meeting of the Steering Committee headed up by Commissioner Calvin Harris. Subsequent meetings and the designation of seven (7) working groups will be reported on the website www.postdisasterplan.org. Again, LMS members are encouraged to visit the site, view the video and participate in the planning process. It is hoped that the plan will provide guidance to all jurisdictions preparing their PDRPs and Recovery Ordinances, etc.
- Next steps
The LMS will receive an email when the annual letter to FDEM is posted at the website (www.pinellaslms.org)
You will receive an email when FEMA gives conditional approval of our plan. Then you will need to initiate adoption procedures by your city council.
- Next meeting: April 15, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at TBRPC
- Adjourn at 11:00 AM