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Pinellas County
Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Work Group
Quarterly Meeting
April 21, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
4000 Gateway Centre Blvd. Suite 100
Pinellas Park, FL 33782

- Welcome and Introductions – Ed McKenzie, Vice Chair
The meeting started promptly at 10AM. Workgroup members introduced themselves.
- Status of Draft 2009 LMS Plan update – Ed
At this point, the Board of County Commissioners, along with Clearwater, Kenneth City, Largo, Oldsmar, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Redington Shores, and Treasure Island have passed resolutions adopting the LMS. Laura Herbert at Florida Division of Emergency Management has forwarded the adoption resolutions to FEMA to get the plan formally approved. When FEMA does that, we will have a formal, complete, and approved plan. Each municipality will still need to adopt the LMS plan as their own to be eligible for any grant funds.
- LMS Talking Points for your City Council – Ed
In the event that you haven't made your presentation to your city council for adoption of the LMS, and you are concerned about what to say in case there are questions, go to the sharepoint site. In the folder for Municipal Resolutions is a Talking Points memo that will cover all the things we prepared for the BCC. In the event that you are also interested in adopting the LMS as your Floodplain Management Plan, Jeff Dow from Pinellas Park provided a Community Rating System (CRS) analysis of the LMS that you can use and it is posted there as well. It is located (creatively) in the CRS folder. For details refer to my email to you 4/5/10 8:51AM.
- Statewide Regional Evacuation Study - Betti
This project should be completed for the Tampa Bay Region by June 30, 2010; hopefully by May. There will be new storm surge zones, evacuation zones, current population estimates and projections and new clearance times which will have an impact on emergency management operations as well as growth management requirements. Both the Storm Tide Atlas for Pinellas County and the Technical Data Reports will be distributed at the next LMS meeting.
All this new information will be included in the public education efforts of the County Hurricane Guide, St. Pete Times, etc. As soon as the finalized material is available, and before public release, it will be posted at the LMS sharepoint site and the Workgroup notified.
- Goals and Objectives Committee – Re: Ed's email to you 4/8/10 8:28AM
We discussed the situation of having 202 initiatives on our project and that 91% of them are unrelated to the list of Goals and Objectives in Appendix 4 of the LMS. We decided to form a committee to work on the process of fixing that.
Jeff Dow from Pinellas Park again did extra work on our behalf and gave us a great place to start. He went in and developed some additional objectives under our existing goals as well as rewording a few others. Then he went to the Project List and annotated the projects for which objectives they related to. When he was finished there were only 11 projects that didn't appear to match up to an objective. It is a great place for the committee to start.

We had a call for members to work on this and the following people volunteered:

Rick Carnley – Clearwater
David Walker – Pinellas County Planning
Jeffery Dow – Pinellas Park
Scott McGuff - Oldsmar
Lisa Mets – Eckerd College

At the sharepoint site, in a folder called Goals & Objectives, Ed has posted the text of the email Jeff sent that explains the colors in his “Appendix 9 – Projects” spreadsheet. Ed posted the spreadsheet, and the “Goals and Objectives” chart that Jeff created with the additional objectives that better fit our projects.

If you would like to participate in this committee Ed will keep membership open through the end of this week (April 23). Please email Ed to join in this important work.

Next week Ed will email the committee members to set up our first meeting and make sure everyone has access to Jeff’s work.

Project Evaluation Committee – Re: Ed’s email to you 4/8/10 8:28AM

We discussed the situation of having a number of parameters on the project evaluation matrix that don’t contribute very much to evaluating projects since a large majority of projects earn the same score on that parameter. As discussed in the email, we have several options for resolving the issue.

We decided to hold off working on this project until the Goals and Objectives committee completes its work. We expect it likely that additional Goals and Objectives may highlight additional or different ways to evaluate projects and the job will be easier if we wait till the first committee is done.

We had a call for members to work on this and the following people volunteered:

Rick Stiff – St. Petersburg
Lisa Mets – Eckerd College

Ed will notify you when we are ready to convene this committee to address the project evaluation matrix. If you would like to participate in this committee please let Ed know.

Our next meeting will be: July 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at TBRPC

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.