

PINELLAS COUNTY
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY WORK GROUP MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015; 1:30 PM
TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Ste. 100, Pinellas Park

Agenda

- 1) **Welcome and Introductions**
- 2) **Review/Approval of Minutes, January 15, 2015**
- 3) **Presentation: Residential Construction Mitigation Funding / Grant Administration (Meredith Van Valkenburgh, Bureau of Mitigation, FDEM)**
<http://www.floridadisaster.org/Mitigation/RCMP/index.htm>

- 4) **Presentation: ONE BAY Resilient Communities Working Group Update (Maya Burke)**

The ONE BAY Resilient Communities Working Group, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, hosted a Tampa Bay Region Infrastructure Resiliency to Climate Hazards Table Top Exercise on March 16, 2015. The exercise brought together federal, state, local, and private sector stakeholders from throughout the region to discuss the resilience of critical infrastructure in the water, energy and transportation sectors to long term climate hazards such as sea level rise and extreme heat. Participants were presented with climate hazard data specific to the Tampa Bay area and asked to play a game simulation of the decision making process to prioritize and fund appropriate adaptation strategies to ensure climate preparedness and infrastructure resilience.

- 5) **LMS Update/Status (Renea Vincent)**
Key Dates:
 - a. **Anticipated Board of County Commissioners Adoption Date**
 - b. **LMS expires on May 5, 2015**
- 5) **Reminder of Potential Educational Opportunities**
 - a. **Governor's Hurricane Conference – May 10 to 15, Orlando, FL.**
 - b. **APA Conference - April 18 to 21 Seattle, WA.**
- 6) **Elect new Membership Chairman**
- 7) **Other Business**
 - a) **Future meeting agenda item ideas/presentations**
- 8) **Adjourn**

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NEXT SCHEDULED QUARTERLY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY MEETING:

Thursday, July 16, 2015, 1:30 P.M.
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd, Suite 100, Pinellas Park

Minutes

Pinellas County

LMS Working Group Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2015 1:30 P.M.

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1. Chairman Renea Vincent welcomed attendees and attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Vice Chair Bob Bray of the City of Pinellas Park made the motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting, January 15, 2015. David Mixon of the City of Largo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Presentation: Residential Construction Mitigation Program (RCMP) Funding/Grant Administration, Mr. Meredith Van Valkenburgh, Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), Bureau of Mitigation**

Mr. Meredith Van Valkenburgh gave an overview of the RCMP program. Mr. Van Valkenburgh explained that the program is funded through the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Trust Fund, and that \$4.5 million is available for the upcoming program year. The grant funds are to be used to improve the wind resistance of residences through loans, subsidies, grants, demonstration projects, direct assistance, and cooperative programs with local and federal governments.

A representative of The ARC Tampa Bay asked about the eligibility of entities to receive grant funding through this program. Mr. Van Valkenburgh answered that cities and counties are given priority. Mr. Van Valkenburgh stated that a Notice of Funds Availability would be posted to the FDEM website around April 27th, and that local governments would have 60 days to apply for grant funding through this program. The program website is <http://www.floridadisaster.org/mitigation/RCMP/index.htm>
4. **Presentation: ONE BAY Resilient Communities Working Group Update, Ms. Maya Burke, Senior Environmental Planner, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council**

Ms. Burke gave an overview of recent ONE BAY Resilient Communities Working Group activities, including the “Critical Infrastructure Resilience to Climate-Related Hazards” Seminar and Tabletop Exercise done in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Ms. Burke explained that DHS had written a Technical Support Document for the seminar and exercise, which includes a climate-related hazards analysis for the Tampa Bay area. The key messages from this hazards analysis are: 1) A gradual increase in temperature has already been observed in the region, and long-range climate projections call for this trend to accelerate in the future, especially with regard to maximum daily summertime temperatures. 2) An increase in tidal levels has been observed at the St. Petersburg tidal gauge, and an increase of 1.3 ft to 6.6 ft

is projected by 2100. 3) A decrease in annual rainfall is projected by long-range climate models for the Tampa Bay area, but the projected decrease is still within the range of natural variability. Ms. Burke summarized the seminar and exercise, and explained how exercise participants explored implementing various adaptation strategies with cost limitations through a gaming scenario.

Ms. Burke also summarized the role of the Climate Science Adaptation Panel (CSAP) in developing a recommendation for a unified sea level rise projection for the Tampa Bay region. Ms. Burke explained that the Panel had not released their recommendation yet, but would likely recommend using NOAA's methodology for projecting future sea level rise. The CSAP will likely not recommend the use of a single NOAA projection, but rather a range of NOAA projections which may be used based on the application of the sea level rise projection and the users' risk tolerance. Ms. Burke mentioned that more information would be provided at the upcoming ONE BAY Resilient Communities Meeting on May 1, 2015 at TBRPC.

Mr. Neal Schwartz of the City of South Pasadena asked if Certified Floodplain Manager continuing maintenance credits would be provided for attendees of the ONE BAY Resilient Communities meeting. Ms. Burke replied not at this time, but this is something the group may provide if there is enough interest. Vice Chair Bob Bray of the City of Pinellas Park asked if the CSAP could provide a presentation to a future meeting of the LMS Working Group. Ms. Libby Carnahan of UF IFAS Extension/Florida Sea Grant said that could likely be arranged.

5. **Reminder of Potential Educational Opportunities** – Chair Vincent reminded the members of the LMS Working Group about two upcoming events:
 - a. **Governors Hurricane Conference** – May 10-15, 2015 in Orlando
 - b. **American Planning Association National Conference** – April 18-21, 2015 in Seattle
6. **Elect New Membership Chairman** – Mr. Ryan Brinson of Pinellas County was nominated to become the next Membership Chairman of the Pinellas LMS Working Group. The vote to install Mr. Brinson as the Membership Chairman was unanimous.

7. **Other Business**

Vice Chair Bob Bray raised the issue of the Pinellas County Post-Disaster Emergency Housing Plan. He explained that this plan would help to identify large sites for post-disaster housing, and that local governments should be aware of the plan development and provide input accordingly. Chair Vincent of Pinellas County stated that the plan development process would begin soon.

Vice Chair Bray mentioned that the mitigation project list found in Appendix 9 of the LMS can be modified at any time through a coordinated process. Mr. Brady Smith of TBRPC asked working group participants to keep the projects in Appendix 9 updated and inform the Chair when projects are complete, so they can be moved to Appendix 10. Mr. Bray emphasized the need to update the outreach projects in Appendix 9, and stated that working group members could use the Google Docs spreadsheet that was utilized in the LMS Update to keep the projects up-to-date.

Chair Vincent mentioned that Mr. Rahim Harji, Watershed Section Manager for Pinellas County was working to get the maximum points possible for the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) from the LMS.

Chair Vincent asked Mr. Smith of TBRPC to remove the "Draft" watermark from the LMS Update now that the document had been approved by FDEM.

Vice Chair Bray thanked all of the LMS Working Group members for their input in completing the 5-Year Update of the LMS.

Libby Carnahan of UF IFAS/Extension inquired about a regional CRS group. Mr. Smith of TBRPC referred her to Mr. Noah Taylor of the City of St. Petersburg who coordinates the Regional CRS Group in the Tampa Bay region.

Mr. Luis Lopez of FDEM reiterated that the working group members should take the message about available RCMP grant funds back to their local governments. He mentioned that local jurisdictions could combine resources, some of which could be used to fund a grants coordinator position.

Vice Chair Bray asked if the program was geared toward private homes. Mr. Lopez stated that the state grants funding to the local government, and the jurisdictions program coordinator then goes and finds potential properties to be mitigated.

Vice Chair Bray asked if it was a matching grant. Mr. Lopez stated that matching funds are not required.

Mr. Schwartz of South Pasadena asked if grant funds could be used to mitigate repetitive loss properties. Mr. Lopez stated no, this is a wind mitigation program.

Mr. Van Valkenburgh of FDEM explained that a 5-year zero interest vanishing loan is required for participating properties to keep homes from flipping shortly after being mitigated with grant funds. He explained that this is similar to SHIP program funding requirements.

Toni Rubino of Pinellas County asked if hazard insurance was required for mitigated properties. Mr. Lopez of FDEM stated that FDEM strongly prefers that. Mr. Van Valkenburgh added that the program's funding source is the state's Hurricane Catastrophe Assistance Trust funds, so properly insured homes are strongly preferred for this mitigation assistance program.

Chair Vincent mentioned that Pinellas County already administers Community Development Block Grants funds, so they are set up to do this type of program administration.

Mr. Lopez mentioned that FDEM would send a representative for another presentation to a local government, etc., if requested and scheduling could be coordinated.

Ms. Carnahan asked if local jurisdictions fund the home mitigation projects, then get reimbursed. Mr. Van Valkenburgh stated that reimbursement is provided to local governments within about 45 days.

Mr. Lopez stated that in previous years, there have not been enough applicants for these grant funds, so the grant awards have been bigger. He said FDEM is working to provide outreach to

increase the number of applicants. He said that FDEM is working with Florida State University to produce outreach materials such as brochures, etc.

Mr. Lopez stated that the RCMP program was all about return on investment (ROI) and ultimately reducing insurance costs.

Ms. Rubino of Pinellas County stated that there are many on fixed incomes that have wind mitigation needs but may not meet all requirements, especially insurance requirements if they have paid off their mortgage. She asked if SHIP funds or funds from this program could be used to help with insurance gaps for this group of homeowners. Mr. Van Valkenburgh said he would have to research this further.

A couple of working group members asked about FDEM availability to make a presentation to their local government. Mr. Lopez said he would talk with these members after this meeting to see about setting that up.

Mr. Neal asked the FDEM representatives to confirm a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) requirement that “any structure one foot or more below base flood elevation (BFE) is not eligible for CRS credit.” Mr. Lopez said that question would need to be researched, and that Mr. Steve Martin is the FDEM contact for such an issue.

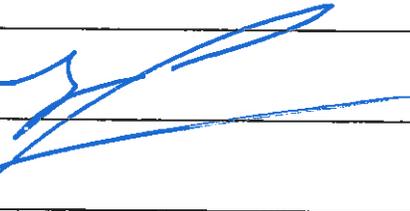
With no other business brought forward and no further questions for Mr. Van Valkenburgh and Mr. Lopez of FDEM, the date of **the next Pinellas County LMS Working Group Meeting** was set for **Thursday, July 16, 2015, 1:30 p.m. at TBRPC**, 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd, Suite 100, Pinellas Park.

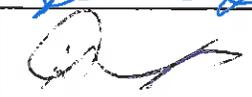
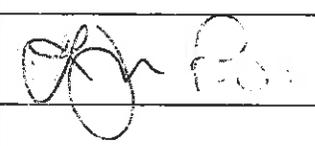
8. The meeting was **adjourned** at 3:00 p.m.

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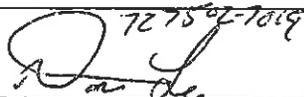
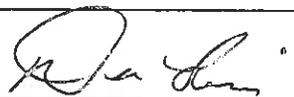
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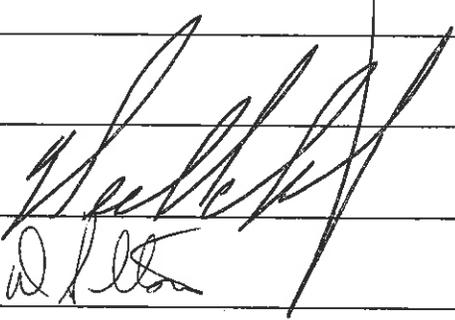
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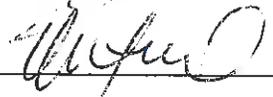
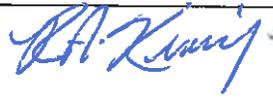
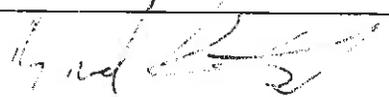
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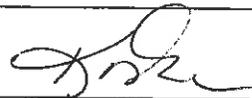
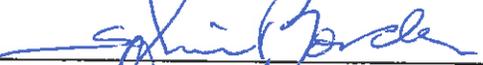
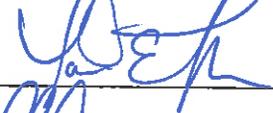
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