



**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY  
STEERING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**



**August 23, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Palm Beach County EOC – Broadcast Studio**

- I. Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions
  - Ralph Wall, Chairperson - attended via WebEx. Introductions were made by everyone in attendance and whom they represent. Quorum criteria was met.
  
- II. LMS Revisions – Jerri L Clairday, PBC DEM
  - Current LMS Expiration – 10/15/24
  - LMS Revisions Sub-Committee Meetings
    - 6/7/23 assigned sections and groups
    - 7/26/23
    - 8/16/23
    - 10/18/23 – CRS Crosswalk - The CRS consultant will be in attendance to confirm LMS revisions include required CRS crosswalk elements. Palm Beach and Pasco counties are the first two counties to utilize the new crosswalk provided by FDEM.
  - LMS 2024 Timeline
    - Updated Timeline Adoption – Page 22 of the LMS2020 document requires adoption, by the LMS Steering Committee, of the updated revisions timeline. A hardcopy of the draft timeline was provided. Changes included dates of deliverables and rearrangement of the PBC BCC adoption of the LMS2024 revision to precede adoption by municipalities.
      - a. Motion was made to adopt the LMS2024 timeline, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote.
    - A new section of the crosswalk requires addressing dams and levees. They have been expounded upon in Section 2.
    - Public input is required on the current LMS2020 document. A request for public input was issued via social media and posted to the PBC LMS webpage on August 2, 2023. A public survey will be published, via social media and LMS webpage, to accommodate document requirements. The first draft will be posted to the PBC LMS webpage on September 6, 2023. The first public forum for input on the first draft has been scheduled for September 13, 2023 at 6:00pm in the PBC EOC Operations Room. Any applicable responses from the public will be incorporated into the final draft. A separate section for LMS2024 revisions has been created on the LMS webpage. Current status and requests can be found there. Mary was concerned with the timeline and public release. Current procedures are in alignment with the LMS2020 revisions process. Wellington has offered a



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venue for the next public forum in order for input to be geographically accessible to the entire county.

- Public Forum and Publication Target Dates
  - a. Public input on current draft – Social Media 8/2/23
  - b. Public input survey – 8/21/23
  - c. First draft posted for public input – 9/6/23
  - d. Public forum on first draft – 9/13/23 at 6:00 pm
  - e. Final draft completion – TBD
  - f. Public forum on final draft – TBD
  - g. Submission to FDEM – 4/1/24
- Revisions Update
  - Entire document – grammar, spelling, and formatting.
  - Section 1 – No noted edits to date.
  - Section 2 – This is the section requires the most updates. Chief Bloomfield is reviewing and making recommendations. Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB) have been added along with COVID-19. The National Weather Service has provided updated information on heat advisories and extreme heat warnings recently experienced in Palm Beach County. Sea level rise information has been updated using recent data from the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact.
  - Section 3 – Minimal changes regarding mitigation strategy. There are different areas within the PBC government included in this section.
  - Section 4 – No noted edits to date
  - Appendices – Numerous maps, charts and diagrams require updating. New maps are being generated by PBC GIS. PBC Property Appraisers Office has returned the requested information on countywide data. Jerri created a PDF of the revised document and posted for the Revisions Sub-Committee to reduce duplication of efforts. In alignment with LMS2020 efforts, a PowerPoint presentation will be created to highlight changes within the LMS2024 revision and presented at the September 13<sup>th</sup> public forum, posted to the LMS webpage, and sent to the LMS Steering Committee and LMS Working Group.

### III. LMS Working Group Meeting Rescheduled

- The September 20, 2023 LMS Working Group had to be rescheduled due to a time conflict. The new date is September 27, 2023 at 9:00am in the Flagler Gallery in West Palm Beach City Hall at 401 Clematis Street. Public parking is available in



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two (2) garages and will be validated. Specific information will be announced closer to September 27<sup>th</sup>.

- The US Army Corp of Engineers has been invited to speak to the LMS Working Group regarding the Herbert Hoover Dike Rehabilitation project. Tim Willadsen, Rehabilitation Project Manager, will speak on the rehab completion and Matt Taylor, Jacksonville District Dam Safety Program Manager, will speak on field dam safety and emergency operations. There are 10 dams and 22 levees in Palm Beach County.

#### IV. PPL Fall 2023 Submission

- The notification for Fall 2023 PPL was sent to the LMS Working Group on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. The WebEOC portal will be open from September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 16<sup>th</sup>. Evaluation of the projects will be conducted September 22<sup>nd</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>. Every municipality must have a project on the PPL. Projects can be a countywide or multijurisdictional to be applicable. PPL project submission needs to be announced at the next LMS Working Group meeting to ensure each municipality is aware.
  - The question was asked if it was possible to have a countywide initiative so that each municipality can sign on to be included for compliance?
    - Countywide hazards discussed for possible projects:
      - Climate change
      - Sea level
      - Shoreline protection
      - Water Resources

#### V. Questions/Comments – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- Jerri announced to the group that four (4) municipalities requested Letters of Support for nine (9) projects on the PPL for funding through HMGP DR-4673 Hurricane Ian.
- The question was asked if we could reach out to our lobbyists that work with state and federal governments to determine a better way to reconcile completed project costs with amount approved on the grant application. Completed project costs can be significantly higher than approved through funding. Can the grants be restructured and easier to approve in a timely manner.
- Jerri announced that the PBC CRS recertification was approved by ISO with a 98% score. She thanked Jacqueline Anderson and all of PZB for their hard work on required recertification information.
- LMS document requires the municipalities to attend at least 2 meetings per year to be eligible for funding and PBC support. We need to enforce the attendance policy as Letters of Support for project funding take attendance compliance into



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consideration. After COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, there was a concerted effort to hold meetings in-person. Ralph asked if the September 27<sup>th</sup> LMS Working Group meeting at the Flagler Gallery could include a virtual component? A motion was made to include virtual access, seconded, and passed unanimously. Any questions can be sent to Jerri who will accumulate and forward to Ralph. The attendance requirement will be included in the meeting notification and agenda. There will be concentrated effort to encourage western communities to attend. Jerri plans to schedule on-site, in-person meetings with all municipalities once the LMS2024 revision has been completed.

- Motion to adjourn, second and passed. Meeting was adjourned.

VI. Next Meeting: October 25, 2023 at 9:00am



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