



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



**October 25, 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**
- Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Ralph Wall. Introductions were completed around the room. Ralph mentioned after introductions that a quorum may not be present. After Jerri conducted a count, the seven committee members who were present made a quorum.
- II. LMS Working Group Meeting, September 27, 2023**
- USACE update on HHD rehabilitation project
 - Ralph explained a brief overview of this meeting and asked if anyone had any questions regarding this meeting. No questions from the group.
 - Jerri asked if anyone had any suggestions for future presenters. Angela from the City of Boynton Beach requested a representative from the Florida Division of Emergency Management. They were very instrumental in assisting her with a project and making corrections. She will send the contact information to Jerri.
- III. LMS Revisions – Jerri L Clairday, PBC DEM**
- Current LMS Expiration – 10/15/24
 - The first draft is posted to the web and the first public forum (September 13, 2023) has occurred since the last meeting.
 - LMS 2024 Timeline
 - Public Forum
 - Public input on current draft – Social Media 8/2/23
 - Public hazards survey – 8/21/23
 - First draft posted for public input – 9/6/23
 - Public forum on first draft – 9/13/23 at 6:00 pm
 - Final draft completion – January 30, 2024
 - Final edits
 - Crosswalks verification
 - Appendices finalization
 - Public forum on final draft – Early March 2024
 - Submission to FDEM – 4/1/24
 - Jerri overviewed the above timeline for the committee.



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- Question from Angela regarding how we can increase participation. Angela wants to know if we can bring in community leaders. Per Jerri, after the LMS revision is complete, she plans to go to each municipality to spread knowledge of the LMS and campaign to increase participation. Ralph also mentioned that many are unaware of what the LMS is, and increasing knowledge of the LMS may lead to increased participation. Ralph suggested leveraging and coordinating vulnerability assessments (required by the state) and LMS (required by the government) to increase participation.

IV. LMS PPL Project Fall 2023 – Jerri L. Clairday, LMS/CRS Coordinator

- Project Submission: September 1 – 16, 2023
- Evaluation Period: September 22 – October 6, 2023
- Evaluation Panel meeting: October 13, 2023
- Steering Committee Presentation and Adoption
 - Jerri shared the Fall 2023 Prioritized Project List and that all new projects appear in green. The LMS Steering Committee now needs to adopt the new project list.
 - Jerri explained the scoring process, the math used to score the projects, and how ties were broken.
 - Jerri asked all to review and ask any questions
 - Ralph asked if we should document how the math formula was used in the LMS to break ties. Ralph also suggested adding a fourth question to prevent future ties.
 - Angela made a motion to approve the project list. David seconded the motion. All approved. Jerri will get the approved list to FDEM and post to the web. She will notify the LMS Working Group.
 - Jerri also expressed that beginning with the next PPL cycle, she will contact agencies/organizations before the project lists opens.
 - Jerri explained the project list changes handout.
 - The Town of Palm Beach Shores has a complete project but no pictures to include in the LMS.
 - Per Ralph, he has a project in progress and will submit pictures.
 - Angela also has a project in progress and will submit pictures of the progress. Per Jerri, when the 2029 LMS is completed, Angela's project completion photos can also be in this LMS.



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V. Jurisdictional Implications of the New LMS – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- PPL Requirement
 - FDEM contacted Jerri regarding grant applications of projects on the PPL that are named differently on their applications. Jerri remedied this by adding the application name to the existing name on the PPL.

VI. Questions/Comments – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- Ralph brought up the issue that all jurisdictions should have a project on the PPL as a requirement. Several workarounds have been discussed. However, Ralph thinks the only possible solution is to reach out to each jurisdiction regarding projects. This would move the spring date. If projects are submitted, Ralph suggested scoring as we go.
- David suggested contacting the municipalities now before the next submission period. Per David, the projects have to be submitted, but there is no direction that they have to be ranked.
- Jerri calculated that 23 municipalities have not submitted projects.
- David reiterated that this is why we should start contacting municipalities now based on the number of municipalities missing projects.
- The group all agreed that they have all should have completed their CIPs and can pull projects from there.
- David asked if the whole LMS is in jeopardy because all municipalities don't have projects or if the municipalities risk not getting money because they don't have a project. Ralph answered that Mary Blakeney, PBCDEM, reached out to FDEM for clarity, and all need a project. David suggests an aggressive approach for participation.
- Mary suggested adding a countywide LMS education campaign that would benefit everybody to achieve the above.
- Ralph reiterated that the LMS is critical for FEMA funding for projects.
- Question regarding if Mary has spoken to Richard from The League of Cities. Per Mary, she hasn't spoken to him yet but has a meeting with him today and will speak with him regarding assisting with the municipalities that don't have projects.
- David suggested advising that projects can be submitted now but will not be scored until the grading period.
- Angela reiterated that it's a great idea to go to The League of Cities. She also asked if there is a record of Letters of Support. Mary responded that we are working on pulling that information together and also suggested having an LMS presentation at the next EM Municipal meeting.



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- Mary suggested cleaning up the LMS contact list to two designated contacts from all 39 municipalities. Per Jerri, the LMS has this contact list.
- Jerri shared a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted quotes that she would like to include in the LMS. The quotes reinforce the importance of mitigation.
- Angela suggested that when Mary is speaking to municipalities, express to them that if they want to get/use these Federal dollars, they need LMS endorsement.
- Ralph also added that for every \$1 you spend on mitigation, you get a \$6 return.

VII.

Next Meeting: 2024

- David motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Angela seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.



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