

PINELLAS COUNTY  
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY MEETING  
THURSDAY OCTOBER 30, 2014; 1:30 PM  
TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Ste. 100, Pinellas Park

## MINUTES

- 1) Bob Bray, Chair, welcomed the committee members and members introduced themselves. Bob expressed his gratitude to those who had worked all year on the LMS Update. It was a challenge and the participation of the committee was essential for the development of this document.
- 2) The Minutes September 25, 2014 were approved.
- 3) **Review of the LMS Update DRAFT document**

Betti Johnson with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council indicated that the latest version of the LMS was posted on the Googledoc site: <https://drive.google.com/drive/#folders/OBx3lnill7L1yWnBUMTAXzJNRkk> . However, there were some changes which should be discussed:

  - Appendix 1: A brief overview of the Watershed Management Plans (pg 1-3) was added to Appendix 1 as reference to the adopted WMPs take advantage of the many elements within them including the detailed descriptions of the flooding areas, sources of flooding, watershed characteristics and demographics and the CIP projects that result from conducting these studies. The committee agreed to include.
  - **Appendix 1:** An overview of the Emergency Hazards associated with Climate Change. This narrative briefly outlines the impacts of climate change including sea level rise and coastal hazards, adaptation planning strategies, as well as state, regional and local initiatives and recommendations for future LMS updates. The committee discussed and agreed to include.
  - **Appendix 4: Goals, Objectives and Policies.** An additional Objective (Objective 1.5) was proposed under Goal 1: Become a more Disaster Resilient Community to address the efforts to address Climate Change and incorporate adaptation strategies in the next LMS. A motion was made to include the objective by Stephanie Waters; seconded by Dayton Saltsman. Motion passed.
  - **Appendix 2: Workgroup Members.** It was suggested to add a section which describes coordination and outreach with other groups; other than meeting notices.

The following presentations will be added. Presenters were asked to please send dates.

- Gordon Beardslee & Renea Vincent, Pinellas County Planning Department provided a presentation/update on LMS to the Pinellas County Floodplain Work Group (10/01/14)
  - Bob Bray provided an LMS Presentation to the Economic Development group
  - Sally Bishop briefed the Board of County Administrators on the LMS
  - An overview of the interrelationship of LMS and CRS was presented at a joint meeting of the Program for Public Information (PPI) and the LMS. Sept 25, 2014
  - An overview of the interrelationship of the LMS and CRS was presented at the Regional CRS Meeting.
  - Dayton Saltsman and Stephanie Waters made an LMS presentation to the City Clerks Meeting.
  - Dayton developed a PowerPoint presentation which he presented to the Fire Chiefs Association.
- **Appendix 7: Public Outreach** – A copy of the Appendix was distributed. Any additions, corrections or changes are due to Betti by Friday, October 31, 2014. Not all communities have gone online to input their activities and they are very important. Members were asked to please take a moment to review carefully and make any changes.
  - **Repetitive Loss Properties and Areas of Historic Flooding.** A new map was distributed which identifies the general location of RLPs and also areas of reported historic flooding. There was discussion about the identification of these “hot spots”. The concern that where these “hot spots” were identified in some cases in areas of no repetitive loss; where they may reflect minor street flooding and not necessarily risk; and areas prone to flooding that were not identified provided a less than confident reliance on the data. It was decided to remove the “hot spots” from the Map 13-1.
  - Betti indicated that she is working on an Executive Summary, a Master Table of Contents and an updated List of References. The final changes will be provided to the Committee members by Monday. On Tuesday, they will be uploaded to the FDEM Website.
  - Richard Walker indicated that we need to delete reference to Ready Alert and replace with First Call and add a reference to WebEOC in Appendix 7.
- 4) A motion was made to submit the Draft Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy with the changes addressed to the FDEM for review by Neal Swartz and seconded by Noah Taylor. Motion passed.
- 5) Renea Vincent indicated that the final draft will be uploaded to the Pinellas LMS webpage for community input. Local jurisdictions should link to that site.

- 6) **Annual Update:** Bob Bray asked that if jurisdictions had not submitted their changes to Appendix 9 and 10, they needed to do that by November 13, 2014. This would include new projects to be added (along with a completed ranking) and those completed to be moved to Appendix 10. A subcommittee to review the new projects is necessary. It will include Bob Bray and Renea Vincent (Vice Chair) and “volunteers” from the group. They will meet in early December to review the new project applications. These will be included in the Annual Update on January 15, 2015 at the TBRPC offices at 1:30 pm.
- 7) **Other Business**  
Bob discussed the need to invigorate the County CRS Group and meet immediately before or after the LMS Meeting as many members of the LMS are also the designated CRS Coordinators. It would be beneficial to build on the 2 groups to facilitate better communication and coordination. It was decided that the CRS mailing list will be updated (and may include other jurisdictions; i.e. regional) and that this effort will be initiated.
- 8) Bob again thanked the committee for their work, asked for all changes be submitted to Betti by Friday and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

**NEXT PROPOSED LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY MEETING:**

Thursday January 15, 2015  
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
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