



**PALM BEACH COUNTY
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY
LMS Revision Final Draft Public Forum &
LMS Working Group
Agenda**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Wellington Community Center**

- 1. Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions – Ralph Wall, Chairperson**
 - Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Ralph Wall.
 - Jerri Clairday thanked everyone for coming and began the LMS2024 revisions presentation.

- 2. LMS2024 Revision Final Draft Public Forum – Ralph Wall, Chairperson, and Jerri L. Clairday, LMS/CRS Coordinator**
 - Current LMS Expires – October 25, 2024
 - Submission to FDEM – April 1, 2024
 - Jerri presented a synopsis of edits and changes made to the LMS.
 - Each local government will need to adopt the new LMS (once approved by FDEM and FEMA) and provide documentation of adoption.
 - Jerri asked for questions or comments on the LMS2024 Revision
 - There were no questions.
 - Jerri acknowledged the LMS Revisions Sub-Committee members and their hard work and asked for them to stand and be recognized.

- 3. Goals for 2024 – Jerri L. Clairday, LMS/CRS Coordinator**
 - Increase Working Group attendance to 100% compliance
 - Increase PPL submission to 100% compliance

- 4. LMS Working Group Attendance Compliance**
 - LMS Section 1.4 – Participation Requirements
 - A handout was provided from the LMS2024 (final draft) subsection 1.4 Participation Requirements. LMS Working Group participation is a FEMA requirement.
 - Local governments must attend at least two (2) LMS Working Group meetings. PBC holds four (4) LMS Working Group meetings per year.
 - More than two absences of the LMS Working Group meetings is cause for disqualification from the LMS.
 - Attendance is tracked.
 - Letters of Support are a contingent upon attendance compliance.



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5. Prioritized Project List (PPL)

- Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide C4-B
 - A handout was provided from the Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide C4-B stating that each plan participant must identify one (1) or more mitigation actions they intend to implement for each hazard addressed in the risk assessment.
 - Brigitte Carrillo and Angie Speir from FDEM clarified, at the 12/13/23 LMS Working Group, that only one (1) project per local government is required.
 - Ralph interjected that if you have a project on your CIP, then you have enough information to put a project on the PPL. Currently, only about 20% of PBC local governments are in submission compliance. Ralph advised that we are heavily advocating this to ensure compliance.
 - Evaluation periods are each spring and fall after the open submission periods. Submission and evaluation periods which can be found on the LMS webpage. (readyabc.com/LMS)
 - Ralph clarified that projects can be submitted all year. However, they will only be ranked during the evaluation periods.
 - Projects are submitted through WebEOC.
 - Ralph reiterated that CIPs can be reviewed to determine which projects could be submitted.
 - There are 24 project types. Reviewing CIPs can determine which potential projects can be submitted by categorization of the 24 types for evaluation.
 - Jerri shared FEMA’s projection of mitigation cost effectiveness: Every \$1 spent on mitigation saves \$6 in recovery costs.
 - Jerri shared the project scoring sheet with the group as a reference and provided a handout adding that the scoring sheet can also be found on our webpage. (readyabc.com/LMS)
 - A question was posed if 100% participation on the PPL will increase competition for projects and possibly “knock projects off”. Ralph answered that if you complete the application to add a project to the PPL that your project will be added to the list. Projects are evaluated, scored, and ranked before being added. Projects are expunged after five (5) years of non-activity and only then after the local government has been contacted.
 - Ralph added that ranking is important when there is a major incident such as Hurricane Katrina. Ranking is significant to funding agencies.
 - Carlos Cedeño added that projects that prevent impacts of hazards score higher on than projects that fall under general maintenance.



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- Ralph added that it is imperative to maintain communication with the LMS Working Group Chair and LMS Coordinator in regards to progress of projects on the list. Further, if there are projects on the list that are no longer being committed to, that also needs to be communicated for removal from the list. The goal is to have an accurate, consolidated list of mitigation projects within the County.
- A municipality representative that had three (3) projects approved in 2023 asked if he needs to do anything with them. Ralph recommended reviewing the projects to ensure that there is no change in cost. If you want to get the proper funding, it is best to review your projects to make sure they are as accurate as possible, especially if it is a project that you plan to submit for grant or federal money.
 - Follow up question: If cost changes, do the projects need to be resubmitted. Ralph answered yes, projects must be resubmitted if costs change.

6. Next Meeting

- June 26, 2024 – 9:00am – 10:30am (PBC EOC)

7. Questions/Comments – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- Jerri asked if there were any members of the general public present for recognition. No general public members were present.
- The contact information for Ralph and Jerri was displayed.
- Jerri was asked if she would share the PowerPoint with the group. Jerri stated that it will be emailed.

8. Adjournment – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.



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