

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Meeting Date: July 9, 2024

Department: Planning, Zoning, and Building

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Title: Providing Update and Seeking Direction regarding Palm Beach County's (PBC's) Flood Plain Regulation Responsibilities, Actions given Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map changes.

Summary: The purpose of this workshop is to provide the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with background and current information on:

- PBC's Floodplain History, Regulations, and Responsibilities
- National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Overview
- Watershed Management Plan
- Status of Herbert Hoover Dike (HHD)
- Status and Request for Direction on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the following areas:
 - Coastal FIRMs Conclusion of Scientific Resolution Panel, Current Schedule, and Options for Future Updating
 - Riverine FIRMs for Eastern PBC (e.g. C-51 Basin)
 - FIRMs updates for Western PBC Municipalities affect by HHD risk
- PBC staff is seeking concurrence from PBC BCC on applying to FEMA to be a Cooperating Technical Partner (CPT) that would facilitate updating FIRM. Being a CPT would also increase PBC's ability to apply for FEMA grants.
- Unified Land Development Code Flood Damage Prevention Article 18 Update
- Community Rating System (CRS) Program Overview, Status, and Input on Options for additional opportunities for improvement in Article 18

PBC works across departments and with numerous agencies and stakeholders to ensure that PBC complies with regulations, provide risk information, and facilitates flood insurance discounts for the residents of PBC. Unincorporated (RM)

Background and Policy Issues: PBC is responsible for administrating and enforcing State, Local, and Federal floodplain regulations (Florida Building Code, Article 18 ULDC, & 44CFR-59&60) and actively seeks to ensure the residents of PBC are afforded the maximum cost effective resiliency and also achieve the maximum practical insurance discounts for their structures. These activities ensure the availability of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured mortgages, disaster relief grants, and mitigation loans in our community.

Recommended by: [Signature] Date: 6/20/2024
Department Director

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
Deputy County Administrator

