



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



**February 27, 2019
1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Palm Beach County EOC – Broadcast Studio
20 South Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415**

I. Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- Meeting called to order at 1:39 p.m.
- Agency representation

Debbie Manzo – Town of Lantana
Jeffrey Needle – City of Delray Beach
Joe Mercurio - Palm Beach County
Ken Roundtree – North Palm Beach County Improvement District
Mary Blakeney – Palm Beach County
Mike Morrow – City of Palm Beach Gardens
Ralph Wall – West Palm Beach
Shane Ratliff – Palm Beach County

- Meeting minutes will be found at
<http://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Sections/Planning-Local-Mitigation-Strategy.aspx>

II. Approval of Spring Submission Period dates for 2018 – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- There was a discussion that LMS should be in a constant state of project preparation and submission. Although there was no storm impact to this region, we should concentrate on the development of projects that assist this County in receipt of viable projects for funding. Recommend that a successful project submission (such as Greenacres) be prepared to brief the full LMS Work Group on March 13.
- It was approved that projects submission period will be April 08 -19, 2019
- Evaluation period to committee members will be April 22– May 03, 2019 with final in-person meeting(s) May 06 or May 07.
- LMS Steering Committee will approve the new Prioritized Projects List (PPL) at its meeting on May 08, 2019.
- There was a reminder that stakeholders may resubmit projects with updated data for consideration; may improve score position on the PPL



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- A WebEOC Administrator and LMS Coordinator will begin the project to update/upgrade the WebEOC LMS Boards between now and the receipt of the Spring Submission Period.

III. Hurricane Michael [DR-4399] Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds [HMGP] – Joe Mercurio, LMS Coordinator

- It was made known that as of January 28, 2019, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) has declared a postponement of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
- FDEM will continue normal HMGP activities with state-wide applicant's briefings as well as in-person applicant workshops to declared Counties
- Watch your emails for this so you can apply for funding for your PPL Projects.
 - HMGP funds are based on the work to be done
 - Minimum 90 days before release of NOFO
 - Municipalities need to submit all qualified projects that are on the current PPL to apply for this funding.
 - The more projects that apply, the more funds will stay in PBC

IV. Questions/Comments – Joe Mercurio and Ralph Wall

- Signature Authorities for HMGP Funding
 - An authorized agent is the chief elected official of a local government who has signature authority, so for a county it would be the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and for a municipality it would be the Mayor (the exact title sometimes varies). Any local government may delegate this authority to a subordinate official (like a City or County Manager) by resolution of the governing body (the Board of County Commissioners or Board of City Commissioners). If a local government delegates signature authority, a copy of the resolution by the governing body authorizing the signature authority for the individual signing must be provided.
- Possible applications received Request for Information (RFI)
 - There was concern that it may affect 24 submissions from the Irma HMGP

V. Meeting Adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

VI. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 08, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the EOC



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