



# Mitigate FL Meeting Minutes



Facilitator: Laura Dhuwe and Kristin Lentz  
Purpose: Mitigate FL – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting  
Meeting Location: Webinar/Conference Call Only  
Date and Time: December 14, 2021 at 1:00 PM

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## Agenda Item: LiDAR Update

### Discussion:

- Overall Project completion of the FL Peninsular LiDAR Project stands at 91% (as of 12/13)
- Current County Production Status, as follows –
  - 23 Counties: Provisionally Accepted by USGS pending final vertical accuracy review
  - 19 Counties: Deliverables submitted by Contactor (in review stage by USGS, the Water Management Districts or Dewberry is correcting calls or corrections on the data deliverables)
  - 3 Counties: Contractor Finalizing Data Products (includes breaklines)
  - 3 Counties: Remaining; anticipated to be delivered by 12/31/2021
- Once all Counties have been provisionally accepted, USGS will begin the final vertical accuracy QA/QC review and upon completion all Counties will be fully accepted
- Currently USGS is experiencing a 3-6 month backlog on reviewing nationwide Lidar contract deliverables.
  - USGS has assured FDEM that all final deliverables will be completed before **June 30, 2022**
- Final deliverables will be posted to the [USGS National Map](#) for download
  - Final deliverables will meet a Florida specific QL1 specification to include a Bare Earth Surface DEM resolution of 2.5 feet, Class 6 – Buildings classification, and breaklines to support derived hydrology features
- Additional information on this Project is available on the Florida GIO website <https://www.floridagio.gov/pages/lidar-resources>

## Agenda Item: Watershed Planning Initiative

### Discussion:

- Phase 2 Watershed Planning Initiative Launch Webinar held 9/22/2021
  - Recording available on website (link below)
- Phase 2 Proposal Guide video coming soon
  - This will provide technical details about the proposal process
- Keep an eye out for this announcement in January!
- New website for this program:  
<https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/watershed-planning-initiative/>

## **Agenda Item: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Update**

### Discussion:

- DR-4399 Hurricane Michael
  - Total Approved: \$54,211,467.70 (12.98%)
- DR-4337 Hurricane Irma
  - Total Approved: \$263,144,733.39 (46.56%)
- FM-5178 2017 Wildfires
  - Total Approved: \$784,707.75 (46.15%)
- DR-4283 Hurricane Matthew
  - Total Approved: \$25,039,246.32 (51.27%)
- FM-5307 2020 Wildfires
  - Total Approved: \$196,813.50 (10.42%)
- DR-4486 Hurricane Dorian
  - 12-Month Lock-in: \$ 24,829,818.00
  - Total Applications Received: 80 (total of \$68,890,990.56 Fed Share required)
- DR-4564 DR-4564 Hurricane Sally
  - 12-Month Lock-in: \$ 39,220,777.00
  - Total Applications Received: 84 (total of \$137,636,807.00 Fed Share required)
- DR-4486 COVID-19 Pandemic **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Tuesday, December 21, 2021**
  - Lock-in: \$135,707,196
  - Total Applications Received: TBD
- FDEM Portal
  - Register at: [www.fdemportal.com/grants](http://www.fdemportal.com/grants)
  - Sub-applicants must request access prior to the application deadline to avoid late submissions. Hard copies submissions are still accepted, but a copy must still be uploaded to the FDEM Portal for a complete submission.
  - More details can be found in the NOFA for DR-4486 and on the State HMPG website under "Application."
  - Possible rule change to accommodate
  - More development
- FEPA
  - HMGP application and grants management training with the FDEM Portal
- Hopefully more face to face opportunities
- HMGP Contacts: Katheen Marshall; [Kathleen.Marshall@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Kathleen.Marshall@em.myflorida.com) and Jared Jaworski; [Jared.Jaworski@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Jared.Jaworski@em.myflorida.com)

## **Agenda Item: Non-Disaster Update**

### Discussion:

- FMA FY 2020: 9 were selected for further review, 1 submitted for Reconsideration
- BRIC FY 2020: 4 were selected for further review, 2 appeals pending with FEMA

- Currently, responding to FEMA RFI requests for FY 2020 FMA/BRIC Subapplications
  - FEMA Award Notifications are still pending and will be advertised once received
- FMA/BRIC FY 2021
  - FY 2021 Subapplications Received:
    - FMA: 39
    - BRIC: 46
  - Please keep an eye out for Requests for Information (RFIs) and fulfill those requests as soon as possible!
- Non-Disaster Grants Contact: Susan Harris-Council; [Susan.Harris-Council@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Susan.Harris-Council@em.myflorida.com)

**Agenda Item: Floodplain Management Update**

Discussion:

- HLMP – FY 2021
  - 13 Total Projects
  - Agreement end dates were extended to December 31, 2021
  - Closed all FY 2020 projects
    - Total State Cost - \$3,580,689
    - Community Benefit - \$5,729,110
- HLMP FY 2022
  - 11 Active Projects
- 215.559, F.S. Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program
  - Set to expire on June 30, 2022
- Florida Senate 2022 - SB 578
  - Delays repeal of 215.559, F.S. to June 30, 2032
  - Filed 10/20/2021
  - HLMP RFP will be postponed pending approval of proposed bill
- HLMP Contact: Daniel Gardea, Program Manager; [Daniel.Gardea@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Daniel.Gardea@em.myflorida.com)

**Agenda Item: Floodplain Management Update**

Discussion:

- 2021 Summary
  - 82 Community Assistance Visits (CAVs)
  - 761 requests for General Technical Assistance
  - Approved 106 ordinances adopted by local communities, which are based on the Florida Building Code coordinated model ordinance
  - Attended 10 Risk MAP meetings around the State
  - Hired 4 new team members
- 2022 Projections
  - 119 Community Assistance Visits (CAVs)
  - Anticipate 1000+ requests for General Technical Assistance

- Continue to work with local communities on ordinance amendments and map updates
- Including 2022 CRS Communities
- Joint Post-Disaster training with FEMA R4 ahead of 2022 Hurricane Season
- 2022 ASFPM Conference being held in Orlando
- Filling vacant positions
- SFMO is sending correspondence **to all 2022** CRS Cycle Visit communities to review regulations and determine if amendments are needed to meet the new CRS Class 8 Pre-Requisite
- State Floodplain Management Officer and Floodplain Management Unit Manager: Conn Cole; [Conn.Cole@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Conn.Cole@em.myflorida.com)

#### **Agenda Item: Insurance Sector Update**

##### Discussion:

- The President signed legislation Congress passed under a Continuing Resolution approving a short-term reauthorization of the NFIP to no later than 11:59 p.m. on February 18, 2022.
- The reauthorization averted the NFIP from being unable to renew or issue new policies or pay claims.
- Proposed NFIP Legislation:
  - HR 5802 and SB 3128 Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2021
  - SB 2913 The Removing Barriers to Private Flood Insurance Act of 2021
  - SB 2915 The Flood Insurance Consumer Choice Act of 2021
  - SB 2916 The Flood Insurance Transparency Act of 2021.
- Florida's Private Market Flood Insurance:
  - Florida currently has 39 private insurance companies writing flood insurance.
  - Private Market Flood policies are eligible for Florida's property mediation dispute resolution process.
  - Companies are increasingly using AI – algorithms in their rating engines.
  - Availability and affordability of property & casualty insurance in state of flux.
- FDEM Insurance Specialist Contact: Barbara Cartwright;  
[Barbara.Cartwright@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Barbara.Cartwright@em.myflorida.com)

#### **Agenda Item: Silver Jackets**

##### Discussion:

- Next quarterly meeting on 12/15/2021 at 11:00 A.M. EST
- Project updates:
  - H&H Study on Lake Martin project is nearing completion, results are set to be presented to the Cities of Parker and Springfield in January 2022
- Ongoing projects for FY22
  - Immokalee Regional Water Plan
  - Florida Coastal Resilience Workshop

- Silver Jackets FDEM contact: Ian Ohlin; [Ian.Ohlin@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Ian.Ohlin@em.myflorida.com)

#### **Agenda Item: LMS Updates**

##### Discussion:

- Annual Update form was emailed to LMS Chairs and Coordinators on 12/1/2021
- Requirements include:
  - Updated LMS Work Group membership list
  - Updated LMS Project List
  - Any significant changes to the plan
- Note: If your LMS was approved within the last 6 months, you don't need to submit the annual update
- **Updates are due** to DEM no later than **1/31/2022**
- Please encourage your jurisdictions to adopt ASAP when your plan is approved
- Please send those resolutions to us ASAP so we can get them to FEMA
- This impacts current and future grant eligibility and will cause time delays with your grants!
  - Missing resolutions from ~16 counties right now

#### **Agenda Item: 2023 SHMP Update**

##### Discussion:

- Progress graphic will be updated and presented throughout the process
- If you haven't already, please take our brief Stakeholder Survey at:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FLSHMP2023>

#### **Announcements:**

- Keep an eye out for the final 2021 Bulletin later this week!
- Meeting notes and materials will be available [here](#)
- Contact your LMS liaison if you would like to schedule a training in your region/county
  - Kristin Lentz: Regions 3, 4, 5
  - Ian Ohlin: Regions 1, 2, 6, 7

**Next Meeting:** March 8, 2022 at 1:00 PM EST via Webinar

**Questions:** None

**Attendees: (175)**

Name	Organization
Laura Dhuwe	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Kevin Adkison	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Ivy Baker	Florida Division of Emergency Management

Miguel Betancur	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Kayla Born	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Willie Bouie	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Barbara Cartwright	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Amanda Chin	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Conn Cole	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Carolyn Collins	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Eliwallis Cortes	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Mindy Dowling	Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Humjberto Feliciano	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Douglas Galvan	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Danny Gardea	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Christina Goetzman	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Grant Goodwin	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Kristen Hall	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Susan Harris-Council	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Jenna Hayth	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Margarita Hernandez	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Barbara Holeda	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Naomi Iglesias	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Jared Jaworski	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Amelia Johnson	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Madison Kitchen	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Justin Lazzara	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Kristin Lentz	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Ryan Lowman	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Amy Miller	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Kristabel Moore	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Tracy O'Dell	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Ian Ohlin	Florida Division of Emergency Management

Richard Passett	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Pamela Price	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Claudia Purser	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Kailyn Quirk	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Jamela Reeves	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Teresa Sanders	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Renee Singh	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Michael Spagnolo	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Luke Strickland	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Drew Sussman	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Holly Swiftt	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Evan Toney	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Ed Warren	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Tierra Williams	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Mindy Yang	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Karen Hagan	Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Eddie Harris	Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Patricia Broadway	Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Matt Howard	Department of Children and Families
Jeff Bryan	Department of Corrections
Kelly Corvin	Department of Economic Opportunity
Sasha Jones	Department of Economic Opportunity
Gregory Davis	Department of Juvenile Justice
Melissa Corbett	Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Joseph Bauer	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Eve Rainey	Florida Emergency Preparedness Association
Chuck Merck	Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Brian Kenyon	Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Jeff Nichols	Florida Department of Corrections
Todd Sharpe	Florida Department of Corrections
Mark O'Neill	Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Neila Wohlgemuth	Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Emma Huggins	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Mary Alice Mcelheney	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Tracie Crawford	Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Patrick Gardner	Florida Department of Revenue
Brian Richardson	Florida Department of Transportation
Irene Cabral	Florida Department of Transportation
John Kohnke	Florida Division of State Fire Marshall
Cory Williams	Florida Lottery
Tyler Nolen	Northeast Florida Regional Council
Samuel Mwenda	NW Florida Water Management District
Jerrick Saquibal	NW Florida Water Management District
David Colangelo	South Florida Water Management District
Richard Dickens	St. Johns River Water Management District
Kristine Eskelin	Suwanee River Water Management District
David Christian	Suwannee River Water Management District
Nicole Mytyk	SW Florida Water Management District
Terese Power	SW Florida Water Management District
Guillermo Da Costa Gomez	Federal Emergency Management Agency
Brock Gohn	Federal Emergency Management Agency
Mariangie Luyando-Torrens	Federal Emergency Management Agency
Lewis Gopher	Seminole Tribe of FL
Josinell Serrano-Canals	US Army Corps of Engineers
Stephanie Verhulst	US Army Corps of Engineers
Jen Grice	Alachua County
Dalton Herding	Alachua County
David Peaton	Alachua County
Frankie Lumm	Bay County
Brad Witt	Bradford County
Chris Eliadis	Brevard County
Romeo Lavarias	Broward County/Miramar Fire Department



Bradley Geelen	Charlotte County
Lane Schndereider	Citrus County
Howard Critchfield	Collier County
William Lang	Collier County
Chris Mason	Collier County
Brandon Stubbs	Columbia County
Noah Ray	Duval County/City of Jacksonville
Travis Tompkins	Escambia County
Brad Hattaway	Escambia County
Tiffany Islam	Flagler County
Ryan Simpson	Flagler County
Richard Zion	Flagler County
Tress Dameron	Gulf County
Laura Calvillo	Hardee County
Tammar Hammer	Hendry County
James F. Colen	Hernando County
Erin Thomas	Hernando County
Corey Amundsen	Highlands County
Christina Hummel	Hillsborough County
Monica Martin	Hillsborough County
Kevin Moran	Hillsborough County
Troy Salisbury	Hillsborough County
Kayla Smart	Hillsborough County
Tori Sutherland	Hillsborough County
William Twaite	Hillsborough County
Rachel Ivey	Indian River County
Nicholas Gerth	Lake County
Sandra Tapfumaneyi	Lee County
John MacDonald	Levy County
Jake Bibler	Manatee County
Steve Litschauer	Manatee County

George Dzama	Martin County
Sonji Hawkins	Martin County
Nixsa Serrano	Miami-Dade County
Robin Yang	Miami-Dade County
Alison Higgins	Monroe County/City of Key West
Joelle Deese	Monroe County/City of Key West
Mark Wilson	Nassau County
Elliot Kampert	Okaloosa County
Nick Martini	Okeechobee County
Nat Prapinpongsanone	Orange County/City of Orlando
Keith Rivera	Orange County/Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
Robin Hinson	Osceola County
Cameron Crandell	Osceola County/City of St. Cloud
Ronnie Heen	Palm Beach County
Kathy Younce	Palm Beach County
Nolan Ristau	Pasco County
Smita Ambadi	Pinellas County
Jerri Kaplan	Polk County
Paul Womble	Polk County
Steffen Turnipseed	Putnam County
Lani Birchett	Santa Rosa County
Nicole Double	Sarasota County
Richard Kerkerling	Sarasota County
Laura Nelson	St. Johns County
Shane Ratliff	St. Lucie County/City of Port St. Lucie
David Casto	Sumter County
Martin DeHaven	Leon County/City of Tallahassee
Jeannine Fier	Leon County/City of Tallahassee
John Louk	Taylor County
Bryan Garey	University of Central Florida
Kevin Liguori	Volusia County

Helene Wetherington	Volusia County
Michelle Metcalf	Wakulla County
Donna Free	Walton County
Patricia White	APTIM
Chris Zambito	Atkins Global
Beth Hollister	Cummins Cederberg
Danielle Irwin	Cummins Cederberg
Katie Williams	Cummins Cederberg
Tiphanee Brown-Francis	Florida Atlantic University
Dan Meeroff	Florida Atlantic University
Jason Ressler	Hagerty Consulting
Lisa King	Langton Consulting
David Hamstra	Pegasus Engineering
Ricardo Alvarez	Private Citizen
Traci Buzbee	Private Citizen
Matthew Goolsby	Private Citizen
Michael Garner	Private Citizen