



Mitigate FL Meeting Minutes



Facilitator: Laura Waterman

Purpose: Quarterly Mitigate FL Meeting, F.S. 252.3655

Meeting Location: Florida Division of Emergency Management
Kelley Training Room
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
Also available via conference call and webinar

Date and Time: December 11, 2018 at 1:00 pm

Agenda Item: Introductions

Agenda Item: Floodplain Management post-Hurricane Michael

Discussion:

- CAV Pilot Program: every community will have a CAV every 3 years
- Helping with trainings and estimates in impacted counties from Hurricane Michael

Agenda Item: HMGP Update

Discussion:

- Hurricane Irma
 - Applications being reviewed
 - Some smaller projects already approved
 - Response to RFIs important
 - Utilize your point of contact to help with communication
 - Questions about project have to go through point of contact for that project or the project manager at the state
- Hurricane Michael
 - Estimates and NOFA will hopefully go out late January or early February 2019
 - More information will be coming out
 - LMS annual update is coming up and project lists can be updated for potential HMGP allocations
 - Not declared counties (Tier 3) can submit now
 - Once the NOFA is released, application briefings will be scheduled

- Post-Fire FM-5178
 - New HMGP program for Fire declarations to address fire mitigation
 - Fire declarations between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2018
 - Flat rate for each declaration for that specific county, \$566,667 per declaration
 - NOFA is on FDEM website¹:
 - Application deadline is February 2019
 - Eve Rainey: How is that allocation derived? Jared: It is a flat rate given based on enhanced or regular status. Doesn't look at percentage of aid.

Agenda Item: Annual Report

Discussion:

- Florida Statute 252.3655 went into effect in 2017
- Group began Mitigate FL when combined with the other groups
- Outline of the report
- All 25 required agencies will have a brief summary and an assessment of the relevance, level, and significance of the agency mitigation efforts
- Will be sent out to all agencies for review and then will send final copy
- Agencies are required to post the Annual Report on their websites

Agenda Item: Watershed Master Planning Initiative

Discussion:

- \$20 million HMGP grant
- Create and update Watershed plans for all 29 watersheds in the state
- Help communities move up in CRS and guide future mitigation projects
- Working to find a contractor and working with WMDs
- Questions can be directed to Mitigation Bureau
- Jeff Bielling: What will be in the study? Boundaries are already known? Alex Boswell: Still working on developing the requirements of the plans. Jeff Bielling: Only city watershed? Or will this be going lower? Laura Waterman: Will be looking at basins and sub-basins. Miles Anderson: Will create a standardized plan and data. Will bring affordability to communities within the NFIP.
- Eugene Henry: Almost complete with all 17 watersheds in Hillsborough. Can any of the funds be used for map revisions to update the FIRMs? Miles Anderson: Will need to look at whether it is something that is eligible and something that can be looked at in the future.

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<https://portal.floridadisaster.org/mitigation/HMGP%20Project%20Tracker/External/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2fmitigation%2fHMGP%20Project%20Tracker%2fExternal%2fPost%20Fire%20FM-5178&FolderCTID=0x012000F0092017E2CF3B49AA941F3D6581F408>

Laura Waterman: Looking to help communities that don't have any watershed planning at all.

- Eve Rainey: Is that above and beyond any allocation for a specific event? Was it a separate appropriation? Want to make sure the match isn't getting taken from someone else. Miles Anderson: Taken out of planning money from Irma and will find the match.

Agenda Item: LiDAR Update

Discussion:

- Joint effort with USGS, Florida has committed \$15 million allocation and USGS has \$7.6 million as a supplemental to Irma
- Map of acquisition areas
- Dewberry will be the main contractor and will subcontract out to do data acquisition
- 35,000 square miles across the peninsula
- Mid November was the official kickoff meeting with Dewberry and partners and WMDs
- The story map and presentation is available and goes through the entire program²
- Blocks are 2,000-3,000 square miles and was broken up for data acquisition
- December 1, 2018 data acquisition started and will end around end of March to early April of 2019
- December 2020 is the timeframe for the full data to be received
- Will result in GIS building footprints and this data will subsequently be available to be shared
- NOAA and some WMDs will also be able to share the information
- Possibly set up state portal system to share for county use
- Eugene Henry: Risk mapping for FIRMs, would you ensure that counties are working along with you? Individual costs to communities is very pricey so if we could all work together it would help everyone out. When they look at annual matrix maybe we can work together and establish a schedule so the local level can work along with you to assist with funding. Willing to assist with funding but doing the whole thing is very pricey. Laura Waterman: Talked to FEMA RiskMAP representatives at Region 4 and they are aware of the update to LiDAR data. Schedule up to region and headquarters but if we know an area is getting new FIRMs through RiskMAP, we will advocate to wait for the most updated data to be available. Eugene Henry: Coastal map changes will be this year. Starting 2020 they will be working on inland watershed studies.

Agenda Item: Wildfire Mitigation

Discussion:

- Coordinating with Florida Forest Service to update the GIS fuel layer

² <https://arcg.is/1zvjbq>

- Updating the GIS fuel layer will allow us to update risk mapping and analysis and eventually update the Wildfire Mitigation Plan
 - Annex to SHMP
 - Want to update it by next SHMP update and available to all the counties
- Eugene Henry: Drafted wildfire protection plan but it didn't get adopted. Looking to have it adopted with the LMS. Laura and Ronda Sutphen: Yes.

Agenda Item: LMS Updates

Discussion:

- Annual 27P-22
- Emails and letters sent to counties at the end of November 2018
- Required updates include:
 - Project lists (with estimated costs)
 - Major changes to the plan
 - Repetitive Loss list changes
 - Critical Facilities list changes
 - Map changes
- These are due January 31, 2019
- Available trainings from Planning Unit
 - G-318, G-393, LMS Update Manual Workshop
- Available to attend LMS meetings or for specific questions
- Eric Poole: Mitigation Assessment post-Michael? Is it realistic for impacted counties to look at rebuilding to higher standards when they may not be hit like that again? Laura Waterman: Not sure what FEMA's plan is for conducting mitigation assessments.

Agenda Item: SHMPoints Newsletter

Discussion:

- Sent out yesterday
- Information about Substantial Damage Estimates
- Upcoming grant opportunity through DEP Resilient Coastlines Program

Announcements:

- Survey will be sent out after meeting ends
- Counties: please send Annual 27P-22 Update
- State Agencies: Once you get the final Annual Report, please post on individual websites

Next Meeting: March 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Kelley Training Room / Webinar

Questions:

- Steve Detwiler: HMGP funds available through Hurricane Michael Tier 3? Laura Waterman: Counties not declared can start applying. Not that funds are necessarily available for Tier 3 but because it is first come first served it is beneficial to apply now.
 - Steve Detwiler: LMS update changes? Laura Waterman: Information available online, hasn't changed in the last few years. Contact your liaison with any questions.
 - Kelly Wilson: Update to LMS rule for 27P-22 on estimated costs. Laura Waterman: It is in statute and it hasn't been previously enforced. Will be enforced moving forward. Project lists and costs are utilized.
 - Eugene Henry: Put rough cost in but actual cost is not really there. Will look for the statute and will get back with individual questions. Laura Waterman: Don't need actual costs down to penny but need an idea of the cost. We are enforcing this also because the requirement for HMGP is that the project list has to match the application.
 - Kelly Wilson: is this going to be used against the counties? Laura Waterman: This is to ensure that information is accurate and it is in statute. We will send out the statute. Miles Anderson: we need to know what's out there so we can fund properly and give us an estimate on projects that are in the queue.
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Attendees:

- Laura Waterman, Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)
- Miles Anderson, FDEM
- Amy Peterson, FDEM
- Alexandra Boswell, FDEM
- Jared Jaworski, FDEM
- Nicolai Modrow, FDEM
- Michael Spagnolo, FDEM
- Anthony Carpinini, FDEM
- Barbara Cartwright, FDEM
- Kevin Hardy, FDEM
- Kristin Buckingham, FDEM
- Gillian Smith, FDEM
- Danny Kilcollins, FDEM
- Jake DeSalvo, FDEM
- Jason Ray, FDEM
- Amy Miller, FDEM
- Carly Swartz, FDEM
- Madison Kitchen, FDEM
- Brianna Beynart, FDEM

- Eve Rainey, Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA)
 - Brooke Kincaid, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
 - Dave Apple, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
 - Brian Kenyon, Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA)
 - Ronda Sutphen, Florida Forest Service (FFS)
 - Karen Cummins, FFS
 - Robert Graves, Florida Public Service Commission (PSC)
 - Peter Newman, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)
 - Kenneth Ogletree, State University System Board of Governors (SUS BOG)
 - Jeff Bielling, Florida Department of Health (DOH)
 - Bryan Hummel, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - Melissa DeLeon, Florida National Guard
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Webinar Attendees:

- Kayla Born, FDEM
- Luz Bossanyi, FDEM
- Willie Bouie, FDEM
- Paula Catledge, FDEM
- Angela Collins, FDEM
- Douglas Galvan, FDEM
- Andrea Horne, FDEM
- Naomi Iglesias, FDEM
- Gina Lambert, FDEM
- Claudia Lozano, FDEM
- Jeremy O'Dell, FDEM
- Renee Singh, FDEM
- Holly Swift, FDEM
- Debbie Williams, FDEM
- Mindy Yang, FDEM
- Kathleen Marshall, FDEM
- Joseph Bauer, DEP
- Whitney Gray, DEP
- Clint Kromhout, DEP
- Nick Roff, DEP
- John Fish, FFS
- Michael Mitchell, EPA
- Jennifer Carver, Florida Department of Transportation (DOT)

- Brian Richardson, DOT
- Jason Aldridge, Florida Department of State (DOS)
- Corey Lentz, DOS
- Will Arnold, Florida Office of Insurance Regulation (FLOIR)
- Pat Gardner, Florida Department of Revenue (DOR)
- Shannon Hagan, Volunteer Florida
- Matthew Howard, Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF)
- Barbara Lenczewski, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
- Loren Lowers, Florida Lottery
- Josh Register, Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DEA)
- Reginal Williams, Florida Office of Early Learning (OEL)
- Juan Castillo, Marion County
- Larry Doerffel, Marion County
- John Kelly, Lee County
- Lee Mayfield, Lee County
- Joe Mercurio, Palm Beach County
- Shane Ratliff, Palm Beach County
- Eugene Henry, Hillsborough County
- William Twaite, Hillsborough County
- Frankie Lumm, Bay County
- Melissa Corbett, Wakulla County
- Steve Detwiler, Miami Dade County
- Jim Murley, Miami Dade County
- Laura Nelson, Flagler County
- Jill Newman, Hardee County
- Kathryn Valentine, Seminole County
- Kelly Wilson, St. Johns County
- Aubrie Austin, Volusia County
- Richard Lehmkuhl, Hendry County
- Sheila Fitzgerald, Santa Rosa County
- Necole Holton, Broward County
- Dave Dickens, St. Johns River Water Management District
- Jerrick Saquibal, Northwest Florida Water Management District
- Dawn Turner, Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Sean McCabe, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
- Mary Lou Mahan, Florida Southwestern State College
- Matthew Goolsby, Applied Florida
- Evan McAllister, Melvin Engineering
- Kate Wesner, Ygrene