



# Mitigate FL Meeting Minutes



Facilitator: Laura Waterman  
Purpose: Mitigate FL – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting  
Meeting Location: Webinar/Conference Call only  
Date and Time: March 9, 2021 at 1:00 pm

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## Agenda Item: Annual Report

### Discussion:

- Available on DEMs website [here](#)
- Every agency is statutorily required to post the report on their website

## Agenda Item: HMGP Update

### Discussion:

- DR-4399 Hurricane Michael
  - Total approved: \$10,343,875 (2.76%)
- DR-4337 Hurricane Irma
  - Total approved: \$ 236,812,247 (41.91%)
- FM-5178 2017 Wildfires
  - Total approved: \$1,276,933 (75.11%)
- DR-4280 Hurricane Hermine
  - Total approved: \$7,745,158 (61.64%)
- DR-4283 Hurricane Matthew
  - Total approved: \$20,933,662 (42.87%)
- FM-5307 2020 Wildfires
  - Notice of Funding Availability published February 11, 2021
    - Available on DEM website [here](#)
  - Lock-In: \$1,889,043
  - Tier 1 Counties: Santa Rosa, Walton, Collier
  - Application Deadline: May 10, 2021
- DR-4468 Hurricane Dorian
  - Notice of Funding Availability published March 4, 2021
    - Available on DEM website [here](#)
  - Lock-In: \$24,829,818

- Tier 1 Counties: Brevard, Broward, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Martin, Nassau, Osceola, Palm Beach, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia
- Application Deadline: May 24, 2021
- Upcoming Notice of Funding Availability Release
  - DR-4564 Hurricane Sally
- There will be a completely digital submission option
  - There are directions in the NOFA for how to request access to the filesharing site
  - Request access early to avoid a late submission
- HMGP Questions: Contact Jared Jaworski; [Jared.Jaworski@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Jared.Jaworski@em.myflorida.com)

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

Discussion:

- Application Period has closed for FMA and BRIC
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) – FY 2020
  - Subapplications received: 22
  - Submitted to FEMA: 17 projects for a total of \$6,127,496
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) – FY 2020
  - Subapplications received: 68
  - Submitted to FEMA: 20 projects for a total of \$195,370,361
- Subapplicants will be notified of FEMA’s determinations when we receive them
- Non-Disaster Questions: Contact Susan Harris-Council; [Susan.Harris-Council@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Susan.Harris-Council@em.myflorida.com)

**Agenda Item: Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program**

Discussion:

- HLMP is up for reauthorization in the Florida Legislature this year
- SB 168 was introduced to the Florida Senate on 3/2/2021
- <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2021/168>

**Agenda Item: Floodplain Management**

Discussion:

- New SCORE CAV (State Coordinating Office Regional Engagement Community Assistance Visits) process has been successful since it was implemented in December 2018
  - Open CAVs: 49 communities
  - Closed CAVs: 155 communities
  - Total SCORE CAVs: 204 communities
  - FEMA is considering promoting this as a nationwide model
- Florida Flood Awareness Week from the Florida Floodplain Management Association is the second week in March

- Draft Proclamation and Draft Social Media Post content found [here](#)

**Agenda Item: Insurance Sector Update**

Discussion:

- Federal
  - HR 3167 – introduced in 2019 to address long term reauthorizing of NFIP; affordability; mapping; mitigation; and availability of loss data
- Florida
  - SB 728 and HB 733 Credit for Reinsurance (check out the most recent Bulletin Newsletter for Barbara’s article on Reinsurance)
    - <https://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2021/728/Analyses/2021s00728.bi.PDF>
  - HB 1623 Climate and Resiliency Task Force – identify protection gaps in state’s insurance market; assess and recommend risk-transfer mechanisms; reducing and mitigating climate-related risk; and more
  - HB 717 Consumer Protection
- Insurance Questions: Contact Barbara Cartwright; [Barbara.Cartwright@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Barbara.Cartwright@em.myflorida.com)

**Agenda Item: Watershed Planning Initiative**

Discussion:

- Phase I deliverables are being finalized
- Outcomes:
  - Task 1: Inventory data and identify data gaps
  - Task 2: WMP development strategy and prioritization tool
  - Task 3: Instructional manual for screening tool
  - Task 4: Statewide catalog including best practice examples
  - Task 5: WMP template, two WMPs both coastal and inland
- Phase II Concept is forthcoming

**Agenda Item: LiDAR Update**

Discussion:

- Florida Peninsular LiDAR Update
  - Project is 68% complete
  - COVID-19 delayed the post-processing of contractor deliverables
    - Final deliverable release date revised to December 2021
  - 3 counties have been fully accepted by USGS
    - Nassau, Sumter, Collier
  - Once all counties have been accepted by USGS, final deliverables, by County, will be posted to the USGS National Map for download
- Hurricane Michael LiDAR Supplemental Project

- Project is 69% complete
- Acquisition was completed between 12/15/2019 and 4/22/2020
- First Block deliverable (Jefferson and Wakulla) have been delivered to USGS for final QA/QC
- Remaining Blocks currently in production
- Final deliverables are still on schedule to be completed, accepted, and posted to the USGS National Map for download by 12/31/2021

**Agenda Item: Florida Silver Jackets**

Discussion:

- Ongoing Projects:
  - Inland Resilience Pilot Project
    - Guidebooks and workbooks have been finalized for Columbia and Highlands counties
  - H&H Support for Lake Martin
    - The Silver Jackets team is supporting a project between the EPA, FEMA, and the cities of Parker and Springfield
    - H&H baseline model should be complete this summer
- FY 2021 Proposed Projects:
  - Immokalee Regional Water Plan
    - Kick-off meeting held in January 2021
    - Bringing local, state, federal, and tribal partners together to develop a comprehensive solution to address flooding
  - Coastal Resilience Workshop
    - Virtual workshops targeted to local planners and engineers to make communities more resilient to coastal storms
- Silver Jackets Questions: Contact Dan Curcio; [Daniel.Curcio@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Daniel.Curcio@em.myflorida.com)

**Agenda Item: Other Mitigation News**

Discussion:

- DEP SLIP Rule
  - S. 161.551 F.S. requires DEP to develop and adopt rules for implementing the section
  - State financed constructors will have to assess potential impacts of sea level rise and storms on new coastal construction
  - Sea Level Rise Impact Projection (SLIP) Study Tool
    - Tool can be used by anyone to assess potential sea level rise impacts
- DEO Rebuild Florida Mitigation Programs
  - General Planning Support – Awarded Entities:
    - 19 municipalities, 11 counties, 5 non-profits, and 2 universities

- Critical Facility Hardening – Awarded Entities:
  - 43 municipalities and 18 counties
- General Infrastructure – will be funded in 3 rounds
  - Round 1 is \$150 million
  - Awards will be announced soon
- Additional CDBG-MIT funding for Hurricane Michael impacted communities - \$46.9 million
- Visit [RebuildFlorida.gov](https://www.RebuildFlorida.gov) for more information or email [cdbg-mit@deo.myflorida.com](mailto:cdbg-mit@deo.myflorida.com).

**Agenda Item: LMS Updates**

Discussion:

- Total LMS Plans Approved this Cycle: 39
  - Approved: 15
  - APA: 9
  - In Revisions: 3
  - Under Review: 4
  - Expired: 4 counties
- Reminder: Please encourage your jurisdictions to adopt ASAP when your plan is approved and send those resolutions to your LMS Liaison so we can get them to FEMA
  - This impacts current and future grant eligibility and will cause time delays with your grants!

**Agenda Item: SHMP Update**

Discussion:

- SHMP Update will be kicking off in June 2021; keep an eye out for public outreach in 2022
  - Email [Laura.Waterman@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Laura.Waterman@em.myflorida.com) if you would like to be involved in the SHMP Update Sub-Committee
- Bulletin published on 3/8/2021

**Questions:**

- Shane Ratliff, Palm Beach County: Can LMS Coordinators get a list of accepted and submitted projects for Non-Disaster Grants
  - Answer: We will get with grant managers
- William Lang, Collier County: Reiterated same question as Palm Beach, would like status of all projects from county.
  - Answer: We will get with grant managers
- Leroy Marshall, Suwannee River Water Management District: What happened to the pilot project with Silver Jackets to add curriculum for schools
  - Answer: Unfortunately, the project was not selected for funding

- Michelle Moore, Bay County: Any information about the CDBG-MIT Match program
  - Answer: programmatic details are being finalized and we will communicate with the Hurricane Michael impacted counties when the funds become available
- Joe Borries, Pinellas County: Has DEO announced CDBG General Infrastructure Program Phase I awards yet
  - Answer: Alyssa Hernandez, DEO: will be making the announcement soon

**Next Meeting:** June 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via Webinar

**Webinar Attendees (154):**

- Laura Waterman, Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) (Facilitator)
- Carmen, Acosta-Baez, FDEM
- Miles Anderson, FDEM
- Miguel Betancur, FDEM
- Kayla Born, FDEM
- Luz Bossanyi, FDEM
- Eddy Bouza, FDEM
- Kristin Buckingham, FDEM
- Barbara Cartwright, FDEM
- Amanda Chin, FDEM
- Conn Cole, FDEM
- Daniel Curcio, FDEM
- Mindy Dowling, FDEM
- Kristen Hall, FDEM
- Jenna Hayth, FDEM
- Barbara Holeda, FDEM
- Jared Jaworski, FDEM
- Madison Kitchen, FDEM
- Kathleen Marshall, FDEM
- Amy Miller, FDEM
- Ian Ohlin, FDEM
- Pamela Phillips, FDEM
- Mitchell Plummer, FDEM
- Claudia Purser, FDEM
- Jamela Reeves, FDEM
- Teresa Sanders, FDEM
- Gillian Smith, FDEM
- Carlin Spink, FDEM
- Holly Swift, FDEM
- Ed Warren, FDEM

- Mindy Yang, FDEM
- Cameron Young, FDEM
- Eddie Harris, Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)
- Brian Kenyon, Agency for Health Care Administration
- Patricia Broadway, Dept of Business and Professional Regulation
- Matthew Howard, Dept of Children and Families
- Jeff Bryan, Dept of Corrections
- Jessie Boyer, Dept of Economic Opportunity
- Dan Evans, DEO
- Alyssa Hernandez, DEO
- Terry Hume, DEO
- Nicole Knight, DEO
- Maria Clara Melo, DEO
- Katie Pollard, DEO
- Caroline Pryor, DEO
- Andrew Wilbur, DEO
- Mary Williams, DEO
- Paul Wotherspoon, DEO
- Peter Newman, Dept of Education
- Joseph Bauer, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Sarah Mahan, DEP
- Mary Alice McElheney, DEP
- Cory Dilmore, DEP
- David Lafontant, DEP
- Tracy Woods, DEP
- Peter Newman, Dept of Education (DOE)
- Patrick Gardner, Dept of Revenue
- Irene Cabral, Dept of Transportation (DOT)
- Jennifer Green, DOT
- Mary Jane Hayden, DOT
- Brian Richardson, DOT
- Joseph Sullivan, DOT
- Jason Aldridge, Dept. of State
- Ray Collins, Enterprise Florida
- Michelle Griggs, Enterprise Florida
- Beth Medina, Enterprise Florida
- Loren Lowers, Florida Lottery
- Jerrick Saquibal, NFWFMD
- Paul Thorpe, NFWFMD
- Tim Fallon, Southwest Florida WMD

- Terese Power, SWFWMD
- Dave Dickens, St Johns River WMD
- Leroy Marshall, SRWMD
- Jen Grice, Alachua County
- Dalton Herding, Alachua County
- David Crawford, Baker County
- Eric Kunzman, Bay County
- Frankie Lumm, Bay County
- Michelle Moore, Bay County
- Necole Holton, Broward County
- Gene Bailey, Calhoun County
- Howard Critchfield, Collier County
- William Lang, Collier County
- Scott Garner, Dixie County
- Matt Posner, Escambia County
- Ryan Simpson, Flagler County
- Lea Tardanico, Flagler County
- Renee Scurlock-Lowe, Jackson County
- Kayla Kinsey, Jefferson County
- Laura Calvillo, Hardee County
- Richard Lehmkuhl, Hendry County
- John Burnett, Hernando County
- Christina Hummel, Hillsborough County
- Monica Martin, Hillsborough County
- Kevin Moran, Hillsborough County
- Kayla Smart, Hillsborough County
- Troy Salisbury, Hillsborough County
- Adrienne Owen, Holmes County
- Alex MacKinnon, Leon County
- Kenneth Odom, Marion County
- Sonji Hawkins, Martin County
- Robin Yang, Miami Dade County
- Charles Cyrille, Miami Dade County
- Nixsa Serrano, Miami Dade County
- Jeff Manning, Monroe County
- Patrick Maddox, Okaloosa County
- John Mulhall, Orange County
- Dawn Mullins, Ranger Drainage District
- Nat Prapinpongsanone, Orange County
- Erin Burnette, Osceola County



- Cameron Crandell, Osceola County
- Teri Curtis, Osceola County
- Robin Hinson, Osceola County
- Spencer Monast, Osceola County
- Shane Ratliff, Palm Beach County
- Ralph Wall, Palm Beach County
- Nolan Ristau, Pasco County
- Laura Wilcoxon, Pasco County
- Smita Ambadi, Pinellas County
- Joe Borries, Pinellas County
- Bryan O'Toole, Putnam County
- Lani Birchett, Santa Rosa County
- Ed McCrane, Sarasota County
- Laura Nelson, St. Johns County
- Marty Sanders, St. Lucie County
- Karen Kozac, St. Lucie County
- Lauren Cruz, Wakulla County
- Hannah Dudley, Wakulla County
- Somer Pell, Wakulla County
- Donna Free, Walton County
- Darlene Booker, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Guillermo Da Costa Gomez, FEMA
- Brock Gohn, FEMA
- Cherry Jochum, FEMA
- Anca Lungu, FEMA
- Mariangie Luyando-Torrens, FEMA
- Gabriela Vigo, FEMA
- Marci Jackson, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- Everett Williams, US Military
- JaLeesa Tate, Maryland State Hazard Mitigation Officer
- Eugene Henry, Wyoming Resilience Officer
- Dan Meeroff, Florida Atlantic University (FAU)
- Janet Bowman, The Nature Conservancy
- David McDonald, Florida Ports Council
- Lisa King, Langton Consulting
- Danny Hinson, Tetra Tech
- Traci Buzbee, TME
- Davis Hamstra, Pegasus Engineering
- Danielle Irwin, Cummins Cederberg
- Katie Williams, Cummins Cederberg

- Rachel Reid, Orlando Health
- Patricia White, Aptim
- Stockton Reeves, Center for Public Safety
- Chris Mason