



## MEETING MINUTES

**PROJECT NAME:** CRS Support/Flood Risk and Mitigation Public Information Working Group (FRMPIWG)  
**MEETING DATE:** Thursday September 19, 2019  
**LOCATION:** Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS AND LATEST STATUS OF CRS PROGRAM & PPI (CECE)

- Jurisdictions introduced their staff and stakeholders. Meeting participants are listed on the sign-in sheet.
- Cece reiterated the importance of the 1:1 staff/stakeholder ratio in order to meet requirements for carrying forward the PPI (Program for Public Information) and LMS (Local Mitigation Strategy) Working Group effort.

### 2.0 STATUS OF FRMPIWG

- Lisa explained the additional applications of this group in addition to the PPI (Program for Public Information). This group will serve as the working group for the FRP (Flood Response Plan), FIP (Flood Insurance Plan) and FMP (Floodplain Management Plan), which is a component of the larger LMS (Local Mitigation Strategy).
- Cece reviewed the time commitment for 2020, introduced the Flood Insurance Advocates and discussed what the attendance requirements are in order for them to be listed on the Pinellas County website as a resource.

### 3.0 LMS

- Chris Zambito provided an overview of the current projects that have been identified and updated the Working Group on items that have been recently added (See presentation attached).
- Recommendations were provided to bring back to the LMS Working Group included:
    - Discussion about funding for underground utilities needing to be looked at holistically and analyzed for cost/benefit.
    - Another Working Group member emphasized the importance of using Social Media to communicate information to the public.
    - Consider tourists that are staying at smaller hotels and at transient accommodations by establishing lines of communication with entities like Airbnb and VRBO.
  - Chris provided information regarding the next LMS Open House to be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Lealman Exchange, 5175 45<sup>th</sup> Street N., St. Petersburg from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.
  - Chris also discussed updates to the Story Map which will be used to help with communication and gathering community input.
  - Lisa encourages this Working Group to go to <http://pinellaslms.org/> which provides a platform to review data and provide comment to the LMS in a format for everyone.

#### 4.0 **FRMPIWG NEEDS**

- The Working Group local communities then worked together to update a spreadsheet that listed projects they would commit to for the coming year.
- Cece and Lisa then reviewed the list, answered questions and entertained recommendations for additional projects.
- Two additional ideas included expanding the messages to Veterinarians (add Pinellas County Animal Control to this list) adding a list of “pet friendly” hotels/locations that residents can take their pets when evacuating.

#### 5.0 **PINELLAS RESOURCES TOOLBOX**

- Lisa demonstrated the new and improved toolbox which will allow all the participating communities to not only access the sharable resources compiled by Pinellas County but also upload their documentation of completed projects making Community Rating System (CRS) reviews by Insurance Services Office (ISO) easier and automated! Wow! This is still a work in progress and training will be offered to the local community representatives in the upcoming months.

#### 6.0 **REVIEW UNINCORPORATED PINELLAS COUNTY PPI FOR ANNUAL REPORT**

- Lisa reviewed the current PPI project list and all participants agreed to the content and approved moving forward with the annual report.

#### 7.0 **REMINDERS**

- We continue to follow Sunshine Meeting Standards
- All documents on the web must be ADA compliant, linking to the Pinellas County website for communication of your flood risk information meets requirements

#### 8.0 **NEEDS/TASKS**

- Cece asked if the communities had any additional needs, none were heard.
- The floor was opened for public comment, no comments were heard.
- The new PPI document will be sent to all Working Group members for review and comment in November. Please comply with any review deadlines so we can prepare this document for you to take to your local boards for approval.

The FRMPIWG meetings for 2020 will be held January, May and September at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. You will be notified once the dates are selected and finalized.

Adjourn