



Welcome to the State Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Team Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 2011
1:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary

Opening

The January 2011 SHMPAT Meeting began at 1:02 PM and was facilitated by Laura Herbert. Please refer to meeting sign in for attendees and webinar registrants.

Welcome – Introductions and Meeting Goals

Attendees were thanked for their time. Introductions were made around the room. Participants were asked to give their name and the agency they were representing. Bill McCusker called webinar role.

Presentation on Flood Risk in Florida- Amy Godsey, State Meteorologist

Amy Godsey was introduced as the State Meteorologist. Ms. Godsey discussed the flood risks in Florida and the new data and new technologies that can affect the impacts that floods have. She discussed why Florida tends to have higher damages due to flooding than the rest of the nation. The presentation identified damage scales used to measure flood scales and highlighted the importance of “repetitive loss properties”, as well as the need to mitigate them. A tool called the Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) website was demonstrated.

The National Weather Service (NWS) is compiling inundation maps that are more accurate and updated. LiDAR and enhanced imagery is helping to improve the science behind mapping floodplains and providing accurate information. Ms. Godsey provided an overview of the inundation mapping process.

Please see the presentation PowerPoint for more detail.

Brief Update of Wildfire Mitigation Risk Assessment & Guide- Gerry LaCavera, DOF Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator

Gerry LaCavera was introduced as the mitigation coordinator for the Division of Forestry. He gave a brief update of the Mitigation Guidebook and Wildfire Risk Assessment, elaborating on the status of the two projects. Projected completion date is the end of June.

SHORT BREAK

The meeting broke for 15 minutes. Laura Herbert invited LMSWG participants to remain on the line or vacate the meeting, if they wished, at this time.

Mitigation Brainstorming Activity

Laura Herbert initiated an activity to gather information from SHMPAT liaisons regarding mitigation objectives and what information they would like to see included in the SITE report. FDEM would like SHMPAT participants to become more like liaisons for their agency in order to adequately represent their agencies needs and desires, while providing a more comprehensive picture of the state of mitigation in Florida.

SITE Report

Carly Cermak was introduced as a planner consultant from ARCADIS-Malcolm Pirnie to discuss the SITE components. The purpose of the presentation is to tailor the SITE reports to SHMPAT liaison needs and interests, providing a more comprehensive snapshot of mitigation in the State of Florida.

Funding Snapshot

Laura Herbert presented information regarding possible funding opportunities for mitigation that are included in the State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Three funding sources were presented: EMPG, FHCF, EMPA.

Carly Cermak and Laura Herbert announced that U.S Congress approved funding of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program through 2013 at \$180 million, \$200 million, and \$200 million for each year respectively. Details are provided in the SITE Report.

Call for Volunteers – Risk Assessment Subcommittee (Section 3)

Laura Herbert presented the request for volunteers to help with the risk assessment section of the State Hazard Mitigation Plan for the next update period. The mitigation section is inviting those with a vested interest or special skills they can contribute to participate in the development of the 2013 Risk Assessment. E-mail Laura.Herbert@em.myflorida.com or DEM-SHMPAT@em.myflorida.com if interested.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2011, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.