



# Mitigate FL Meeting Minutes



Facilitator: Laura Waterman

Meeting Location: Florida Division of Emergency Management  
Director's Large Conference Room  
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
Also available via conference call and webinar

Date and Time: March 13, 2018 at 1:00 pm

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## Agenda Item: State Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

### Discussion:

- Uploaded to the website for two weeks for public comment.
- Submitted to FEMA for review.
- Will let group know when the Plan has been approved.

## Agenda Item: LiDAR Funding

### Discussion:

- Richard Butgereit explained the background of LiDAR and what it is.
- 3DEP USGS
  - Three dimensional elevation program.
    - Work with partners and funding opportunities to update digital elevation with new maps and data.
    - Richard explained the criteria needed for 3DEP.
    - Works towards achieving better accuracy across the state.
- Legislature approved \$15 million within the upcoming budget for the Division to map the entire state utilizing the 3DEP criteria.
  - Budget is waiting to be signed by the Governor.
  - Additional funding from USGS may also be utilized.
  - Question from Seminole County: Will the LiDAR mapping data develop any products that can be pushed out to the counties? Currently working with the Hurricane Center to assist with updated SLOSH models. This will also assist with FEMA's mapping efforts. One goal is to build footprints for determining the number of structures within a particular flood zone.

## Agenda Item: Individual State Agency Meetings

### Discussion:

- Laura Waterman is working on scheduling meetings with individual agency liaisons.

- The goal is to understand the projects and capabilities of all state agencies and close the gap by utilizing better communication.

**Agenda Item: Ideas for Mitigate FL**

Discussion:

- Aaron Funk Seminole County: After the state agency meetings, developing a product for counties that shows all of the projects throughout the state. Also what additional funding sources can be utilized at a county level other than the main three.
- Gene Henry Hillsborough County: Agrees with a “project priority list” of state level projects across the agencies. Maybe use the group to create a focus on the types of mitigation projects one could do. Is resiliency a focus? This can be looked at for pre and post disaster projects. This list could be a value to the State of Florida and provide the whole state with a clearer picture.
- Brooke Kincaid DEP: Is there a way to classify or quantify the projects on the list, such as transportation, infrastructure, etc.
- Lisa Miller, Consultant: Will the projects be available for the public to view? Answer to this question was probably not, it will be internal for now.
- Kate Boer Regional Planning Council: Will these projects be just brick and mortar or will planning projects be included as well? Answer to this question was that it would cover all mitigation projects including planning.
- Gustavo Vilchez St. Lucie County: Suggested utilizing WebEOC to post the project list on a board so everyone can access it.
- Laura Waterman: What about mapping the projects? Using a map to try and identify gaps.
- Aaron Funk Seminole County: Agrees and likes the mapping idea.
- Gustavo Vilchez St. Lucie County: What about sea level rise projects? Any suggestions or recommendations for him to apply to his area.
- Gene Henry Hillsborough County: Peril of Flood
- Any further ideas and suggestions can be emailed directly to Laura Waterman.

**Agenda Item: Irma Recovery and Mitigation**

Discussion:

- First time the Division has fully participated and “stood up” within the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF).
- Seven state agencies were participating with their federal counterparts at the JFO to help identify resources and develop recovery strategies.
  - Some of the agencies included HUD, USDA, Interior, Commerce, HHS, and Economic Development.
- MaxTrax
  - Federal program to monitor lifecycle of Recovery projects.
  - Brooke Kincaid DEP: Will the MaxTrax deliverables be shared? Answer to this question is yes. This is a joint federal/state deliverable with DEM doing the portfolio. Can be shared through the group when it is complete.
- Place Based Teams

- Federally staffed place-based teams.
- State agencies participated.
- First time this has been done in the nation.
- Created a tier system based on level of impacts.
- Helped communities put together projects and strategies.

**Agenda Item: Environmental Reviews**

Discussion:

- This has been an ongoing project at DEM.
- In October the Division sent a request to FEMA asking to take over some of the environmental and historical preservation responsibilities.
- Environmental staff will be trained the same as those at FEMA and are currently almost finished with training.
- DEM staff will utilize FEMA’s system to work through reviews.
- MOU between DEM and FEMA.
- This should speed up the process.
- The MOU also means that the Division won’t have to wait on FEMA to create consultation documentation.
- FEMA Region IV is looking to partner with other states regarding this process.
- This hasn’t been done anywhere in the nation before.

**Agenda Item: Silver Jackets**

Discussion:

- Offers grant opportunities with a new one available now. Applications are due by May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Has to include federal and state agencies.
- Must focus on flood risk reduction.
- Looking to possibly update the charter to add more agencies.
- Webinars for the counties may be a possibility to get the word out on possible funding opportunities.

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

Discussion:

- The new EHP process now gives the HMGP Unit a better understanding for timeframes of applications.
- Overview of applications for Hermine and Matthew.
  - Applications amount to the allocation and not leaving any money on the table.
- Irma allocation changes.
  - Number dropped significantly.
  - The breakdown is published online.
  - County percentages stayed the same with the new allocation numbers.
- State wide webinar is scheduled and will cover the overview of the application process.
- Small group workshops are being scheduled.

- 5-6 counties each.
- All day.
- Please contact HMGP Unit if you haven't scheduled yet.

**Agenda Item: Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Update**

Discussion:

- An update was made to the LMS Review Tool to incorporate multiple programs including CRS, EMAP, and CEMP criteria.
- Update Manual
  - The manual will be posted on SharePoint.
  - FL-391 Update Manual Workshop is available and can be requested.

**Agenda Item: SHMPoints**

Discussion:

- Published 3/12/18.

**Announcements:**

- Meeting minutes and materials will be available online.

**Next Meeting:** June 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in Kelley Training Room / Webinar

**Attendees:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Laura Waterman, Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)</li> <li>● Amy Peterson, FDEM</li> <li>● Rose Luzader, FDEM</li> <li>● Melissa Schloss, FDEM</li> <li>● Kristin Buckingham, FDEM</li> <li>● Teresa Sanders, FDEM</li> <li>● Brian Richardson, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)</li> <li>● Jared Jaworski, FDEM</li> <li>● Nicolai Modrow, FDEM</li> <li>● Gillian Smith, FDEM</li> <li>● Rick Moses, Public Service Commission</li> <li>● Frank McColm, State/Federal Contactor</li> <li>● Brian Kenyon, Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA)</li> <li>● Nick Roff, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)</li> <li>● Daniel Gardea, FDEM</li> <li>● Danny Kilcollins, FDEM</li> <li>● Debbie Bass, FDEM</li> <li>● Richard Butgereit, FDEM</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Brooke Kincaid, FDEP</li> <li>● Shannon Reiss, FDEM</li> <li>● Brianna Beynart, FDEM</li> <li>● Jake DeSalvo, FDEM</li> <li>● Dan Evans, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO)</li> <li>● Joseph Bauer, FDEP</li> <li>● Jeff Bielling, Alachua County</li> <li>● Kate Boer, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council</li> <li>● Luz Bossanyi, FDEM</li> <li>● Shanna Chatraw, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)</li> <li>● Calhoun County representative</li> <li>● Ralph Crawford, Florida Fire Service (FFS) – FDACS</li> <li>● Dave Dickens, St. Johns River Water Management District</li> <li>● Sheila Fitzgerald, Santa Rosa County</li> <li>● Aaron Funk, Seminole County</li> <li>● Jean Garland, Desoto County</li> <li>● Whitney Gray, FDEP</li> <li>● Josh Gussler, Lake County</li> </ul> |
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- Shawn Halphen, Northwest Florida Water Management District
- Eugene Henry, Hillsborough County
- Barbara Holeda, FDEM
- Necole Jacobs, Broward County
- Jerri Kaplan, Hardee County
- Curtis Knowles, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- Clint Kromhout, FDEP
- Sean Lanier, Marion County
- Barbara Lencsewski, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO)
- Claudia Lozano, FDEM
- Frankie Lumm, Osceola County
- Lee Mayfield, Lee County
- Evan McAllister, Melvin Engineering
- Cece McKiernan, Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA)
- Amy Miller, FDEM
- Jim Murley, Miami Dade County
- Jeremy O'Dell, FDEM
- Josh Overmeyer, FDEM
- Cathie Perkins, Miami Dade County
- Ron Plummer, Orange County
- LaTosha Reiss, HC EOC
- Eve Rainey, Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA)
- Shane Ratliff, Palm Beach County
- Leylah Saavedra, Pegasus Engineering
- Diane Screws, Florida Department of Citrus
- Holly Swift, FDEM
- Wes Underwood, Department of State
- Gabriela Vigo, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Gustavo Vilchez, St. Lucie County
- Britton Wilson, St. Lucie County
- Dan Wouters, Martin County
- Richard Zyvoloski, Collier County
- Brani Frame, Hendry County
- Eddie Harris, Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)
- Jeff Manning, Monroe County
- Kathleen Marshall, FDEM
- William Twaite, Hillsborough County
- Bill Geiger, Hernando County
- Carl Herold, Florida Lottery
- Reginal Williams, Office of Early Learning