

April 11, 2018

**Pasco County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee
Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group Meeting
Pasco County EOC, 8744 Government Drive, New Port Richey, FL**

***Meeting was opened by Ian Eppig, Emergency Management Coordinator @ 2:02 pm.**

- **Welcome:**
 - Verified public notice
 - Approval of minutes from 2/21/2018
 - Introductions
- **Update on sub-grant with Stormwater:**
 - To BCC on 4/11; consented, signed
 - Forest Hills Subgrant Agreement
 - Port Richey Alternative Outfall Subgrant Agreement
 - Zephyr Creek to BCC on 4/24
- **Guest Speaker – Brian Prill, Florida Forestry Service:**
 - Discussed 2017 Wildfire season in Pasco:
 - Starkey Park Fire
 - Anclote Branch Fire
 - Rain has reduced hazard currently with recent rainfall at 3.3” in Dade City but other than recent rainfall it has been dry with little rain. The rain is beneficial but the lightning with it causes fires and the hail slows response.
 - January 1st – April 10th: 1,085 fires for 35,159 acres; mostly outside of Pasco County in Region 6 (Collier, Lee Counties)
 - Lightning has caused 26 fires so far this year
 - Prescribed burns – Pasco is fire dependent
 - 3,271 fires put out/298,760 acres
- **New Additions to LMS:**
 - Mike Garrett:
 - Silver Oaks:
 - Golf course w/300 structures, enclosed basin
 - Two Options:
 - Create storage upstream of Zephyr Creek
 - Tie into Zephyr Creek
 - Zephyr Creek:
 - Geiger Pond units were done earlier with HMGP

- This year Phases I and II are going
 - Hopeful for Phases III and IV next year
 - Wants to have final unit complete
 - Ongoing project since 1989
 - Duck Lake:
 - Lake closed off by the Evans'
 - Cooling tower relief, etc.
 - Now floods, including ALF
 - Last evacuation 2003
 - Build upstream storage
 - Patrick Ballinger (PB): SWFWMD is an option?
 - Mike Garrett (MG): Not certain or concrete – it's tentative
 - PB: Other money in case SWFWMD not option
 - MG: Not now
 - Ian Eppig (IE): Motion to accept
 - PB: Seconded
 - HMGP Irma (IE):
 - State provided six month estimate; IE covered where estimate came from (SBA, FEMA claims, etc.)
 - Changed one billion for state down to \$400,000
 - Pasco now gets 4.5 million which funds top two projects
 - First project – Wiregrass has already been submitted
 - Pasco has opportunity for Tier II money so there is a possibility of more funding
 - IE counseled group to work as hard as possible on projects as #1 ranked project might get rejected by State and like Hermine the 5th – 7th projects on the list could get funded.
 - IE explained why we have a LMS and requirements for five-year update
 - Pasco is one of first counties in state to submit five-year update
 - Pasco has already updated prioritization process; project submission form; change in hazards; and goals and objectives which changed from three to seven goals.
 - Renee Borden (RB) has been reviewing LMS for an initial sweep.
 - IE is breaking down the LMS for five-year review and starting with the planning process.
 - Kelly Miller (KM) requested if anyone in the group has resources for unmet needs to assist long-term recovery organizations.
 - IE motioned to adjourn
 - PB seconded
- Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.