

**OSCEOLA COUNTY  
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY WORKING GROUP  
Quarterly Meeting  
March 14, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.  
South Florida Water Management District – St. Cloud Field Station  
3800 Old Canoe Creek Road, St. Cloud, Florida 34769**

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**AGENDA  
MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bill Litton called the meeting to order. George Wheeler, Superintendent of St. Cloud Field Station provide an overview of SFWMD operations in Orange, Osceola and Polk counties.
2. **Attendance** – Mr. Litton called attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item) Motion carried unanimously (Acosta/Altrui).**
4. **Membership Updates**
  - A. Approval of Membership List (**Action Item**) **Motion carried unanimously (Gosselin/Hambley).**
5. **Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2023, LMS Working Group Quarterly Meeting (Action Item) Motion carried unanimously (Altrui/Acosta).**
6. **Hear the Audience**

*Except for those matters specifically exempted under the State Statute and Local Ordinance, the Working Group shall provide an opportunity for public comment prior to the undertaking by the Working Group of any action on the agenda. The Working Group will not vote on any item during this portion of the meeting. Rather, this portion of the meeting is to allow for public comments to be heard on items that are on the agenda for that meeting. – No requests to speak were submitted in advance of the meeting. No public comments were made.*
7. **Committee Reports**
  - A. Substantial Damage Subcommittee – FEMA Substantial Damage workshop next week in Kissimmee. Next Meeting TBA
  - B. Public Involvement Subcommittee – No Report / Next Meeting TBD.
  - C. Project Prioritization Subcommittee –
    1. Project Scoring Worksheet revisions – Mr. Litton discussed all new projects will be due May 10. (Next meeting will be May 16)
8. **Project Priority List**
  - A. Approval of Project List (**Action Item**) – Approval of the current list as noted. **Motion carried unanimously (Stangle/Gosselin) with the following updates and for projects to be considered for Hurricane Idalia HMGP funding. Mr. Litton noted that projects # 1-8 are already under Hurricane Ian & Nicole funding. Project #9-20 will be considered for funding. Mr. Pelham advised that projects #9 & 16 can be removed as they are currently under project #1. Motion was made to consider Project 10, St. Cloud Fire Facilities Generator Improvements, Project 11, St. Cloud Fire Logistics Building Hardening, Project 12, Fire Station #32 Hardening, Project 15, County Critical Generator replacements, and Project #17, Mitigate flooding on 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Project Listing will be updated to reflect the removal and numbering of the projects.**
  - B. Other Community Mitigation Projects – Mr. Litton provided an update on the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council – Multi Regional Planning & Mitigation Assessment. This report will assist with the 2024 HIRA update. Mrs. Gosselin provided an update on the USACE Floodplain Management assessment to include (Lake Toho – including Mill Slough and East City Ditch) and Lake Runnymede.
9. **Discussion Items**
  - A. **Plan Updates**
    1. Annual Plan Update (27P-22.004) – Mr. Litton advised that the LMSWG plan update report was approval by FDEM on December 4, 2023, allowing the Osceola LMSWS to apply for State and Federal funding.
  - B. **Program Updates** – Mr. Litton discussed the plans for conducting a review of the Working Group's Bylaws and project submission and scoring process later this year.
    1. Bylaws review
    2. Project submission process review and documentation update
  - C. **Funding Opportunities** – Mr. Litton provided information FDEM Electric Grid Enhancement & Resiliency Grant – Deadline is April 25, 2024.
  - D. **Training Opportunities** – Mr. Litton announced upcoming training opportunities.

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1. Local Mitigation Planning Workshop (March 19-21; Kissimmee)
2. MGT-384 Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents (April 9-10, Kissimmee)
3. Osceola County Annual Hurricane Exercise (May 23)
4. G-300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents (May 29-31, Kissimmee)
5. G-400 Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents (June 27-28; Kissimmee)
6. G-205 Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government Role (July 18-19; Kissimmee)
7. FL-601 Preliminary Damage Assessment (July 31; Kissimmee)

**E. Meeting Updates – Mr. Litton gave a summary of recent partner meetings and announced the dates for upcoming meetings.**

1. Florida Silver Jackets (Next meeting TBD)
2. FDEM Mitigate FL (Meeting held June 18)
3. FEPA Mitigation Working Group (Next meeting TBD)
4. Public Involvement Subcommittee (Next meeting TBD)
5. Project Prioritization Subcommittee (Next meeting May 16 – Project Applications Due May 10)
6. LMS Working Group General Meeting (June 13 – City of Kissimmee, Location TBA)

**10. Adjournment (Action Item) – Mr. Litton invited a motion for adjournment. Motion carried unanimously (Altrui/Gosselin).**

(Previous and upcoming LMS Working Group meeting dates, materials, minutes, and recordings are available on Osceola County's website at <https://www.osceola.org/about-osceola-county/county-meetings/local-mitigation-strategy.stml>)