



County of Los Angeles
2025 Floodplain Management Plan Revision
 1st Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) Meeting
 Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. PST
 Virtual Meeting



<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Type</u>
Gina Natoli	LA County Dept of Regional Planning	Government
Tera Haramoto	PW Building & Safety	Government
Glenn Tong	PW Building & Safety	Government (Alternate)
Joshua Felton	PW Building & Safety	Government (Alternate)
Kari Eskridge	PW Community Government Relations Group	Government
Lisette Guzman	PW Community Government Relations Group	Government
Nam Doan	PW Community Government Relations Group	Government (Alternate)
Loni Eazell	PW Emergency Management Group	Government
Angine Geragoosian	PW Emergency Management Group	Government (Alternate)
Mark Martinez	County Fire Department	Government
Pat Wood	PW Stormwater Engineering – CRS Coordinator	Government
Anjero Asprer	PW Stormwater Engineering – CRS Coordinator	Government (Alternate)
Joy Pipkin	PW Stormwater Engineering – CRS Coordinator	Government (Alternate)
Gary (Yong) Guo	PW Stormwater Engineering – Hydrology & Hydraulics	Government (Alternate)
Eden Berhan	PW Stormwater Maintenance	Government
Marcela Benavides	PW Stormwater Planning	Government
CJ Caluag	PW Stormwater Planning	Government (Alternate)
John Blalock	Antelope Valley Resident	Non-Government
Timothy Dahlum	Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles	Non-Government (Alternate)
Debbie Sharpton	Environmental Restoration Group	Non-Government
Dorothy Wong	Altadena Town Council	Non-Government
Mark Caddick	Antelope Valley Resident, Acton	Non-Government
Samson Wong	City of LA Bureau of Engineering	Non-Government
Steve LaDochy	Cal State LA Meteorology	Non-Government
Michael Chen	PW Stormwater Engineering	Core Planning Team
Clark Decastro	PW Stormwater Engineering	Core Planning Team
Thu Win	PW Stormwater Engineering	Core Planning Team
Makenna Hobson	Burns & McDonnell	Core Planning Team
Michael Lurenana	Burns & McDonnell	Core Planning Team
David Pohl	Burns & McDonnell	Core Planning Team
Courtney Semlow	Craftwater	Core Planning Team
Esmeralda Garcia	MIG	Core Planning Team
Stephanie Pavon	MIG	Core Planning Team



Meeting Notes:

Welcome and Introductions

1. Pat Wood welcomed attendees, thanked everyone for their participation throughout this plan update process and everyone introduced themselves. The quorum for the meeting was reached.

Agenda

1. David Pohl presented the agenda to provide guidance on what will be spoken about today.

Project Overview- PowerPoint Presentation

1. David Pohl presented a slide deck of the overview of the project which is attached. Key points include:
 - a. What is the FMP?
 - b. An overview of the Community Rating System (CRS) and that we should strive for a higher overall score and maintain the current Class 6 rating and 20% discount on insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program
 - c. The steps for FMP Revision were summarized: 1) Organize Resources; 2) Risk Assessment; 3) Public Information/Public Outreach Strategy; 4) Goals and Objectives; 5) Plan Maintenance 6) Writing the Documents (FMP and RLAA); 7) Submit the Plan; and
 - d. The Purpose of the FMP Committee and what they will review

Charter Contents- Word Document

1. David Pohl presented a draft of the Charter describing the ground rules for the FMP Committee. The Charter includes the Committee purpose, selection process, and general rules applicable to the FMP Committee.
 - a. The roles of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were described. Alternate and Vice Chairperson is the same.

MOTION made by Pat Wood to approve Pat Wood as the Chairperson and seconded by Steve LaDochy. Motion passed with all votes in favor..

MOTION made by Gina Natoli to approve Anjero Asper as the Vice Chairperson and seconded by Steve LaDochy. Motion passed with all votes in favor.

- b. A Quorum is composed of 10members of the Committee



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- c. Voting on the Charter will be next meeting. The draft Charter will be provided to the FMP Committee for review and input. The Charter will be discussed and voted on at the next FMP Committee Meeting.
- d. There was a question asked whether all FMP Committee meetings are in accordance with the Brown Act and that Robert Rule are followed. All FMP Committee meetings, including this first meeting, are open to the public and the meeting information and agenda posted within 72-hours on the Public Works website.

Mission Statement- PowerPoint Presentation

1. Dave Pohl continued the presentation on the draft Mission Statement of the FMP.
2. Mission statement of the FMP is to “Protect life, property, the economy and the environment of unincorporated Los Angeles County by identifying and communicating risks and sustainable actions to reduce flood hazards and thus enhance community resilience.”

MOTION made by Pat Wood to approve the Mission Statement and seconded by Debbie Sharpton. Motion passed with all votes in favor.

Goals and Objectives- PowerPoint Presentation

1. Dave Pohl continued the presentation of the draft Goals and Objectives of the FMP.
2. Goals:
 - a. Originally presented Goals:
 - i. Enhance community resilience to the impacts of flood hazards.
 - ii. Protect life, safety, property and economy.
 - iii. Communicate to residents and stakeholders what the flood risks are, based on best available data and science.
 - iv. Increase resilience of infrastructure and critical facilities from flood hazards.
 - v. Account for flood risk in land use and planning.
 - vi. Preserve, enhance or restore the natural environment’s floodplain functions.
 - vii. Encourage the development and implementation of long-term, cost-effective and environmentally sound flood hazard mitigation projects.
 - b. The Committee had a lively discussion on the focus of the FMP and key factors to consider such as the different land uses, development, and conditions within communities in rural areas of the County compared to more urbanizes area and linkage between flood risk management and water resource management. These discussion and inputs from the Committee resulted in the following suggested edits (in red) to the goals:



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- i. Enhance community resilience to the impacts of flood hazards **while maximizing opportunities for local water supplies.**
- ~~ii. Protect life, safety, property and economy. **Removed as it was redundant with the mission statement.**~~
- iii. Communicate to residents and stakeholders what the flood risks are, based on best available data and science.
- iv. Increase resilience of infrastructure and critical facilities from flood hazards.
- v. Account for flood risk in land use and planning.
- vi. Preserve, enhance or restore the natural environment's floodplain functions **without increasing flood hazards.**
- vii. Encourage the development and implementation of long-term, cost-effective and environmentally sound flood hazard mitigation projects.

MOTION made by Pat Wood to approve the Goals as revised. Pat asked if there were any objections. None. Goals approved.

3. Objectives:

- a. Originally presented Objectives:
 - i. Work cooperatively with public agencies with responsibility for flood protection, and with stakeholders in planning for flood and inundation hazards.
 - ii. Utilize best available data, science, and technologies to improve understanding of the location and potential impacts of flood hazards.
 - iii. Provide state, County and local agencies and stakeholders with updated information about flood hazards, vulnerabilities, and mitigation measures.
 - iv. Discourage new development in known flood hazard areas or ensure that, if development occurs in those areas, it is done in a way to minimize flood risk.
 - v. Consider open space land uses within known flood hazard areas.
 - vi. Provide the highest degree of flood hazard protection at the least cost by working with environmentally friendly natural systems and by using prevention as the first priority.
 - vii. Retrofit, purchase and relocate structures in known flood hazard areas, especially those known to be repetitively damaged.
 - viii. Provide flood protection by maintaining flood control systems.
 - ix. Sustain reliable local emergency operations and facilities during and after a flood event.
 - x. Consider climate change implications in planning for flood and inundation hazards.
 - xi. Promote community resilience through education on flood risks, insurance and mitigation, and effective floodplain management regulation.
- b. After discussion and input from the Committee, the FMP Committee requested the following edits (in red) to the goals:



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- i. Work cooperatively with **other** public agencies with responsibility for flood protection, and with stakeholders in planning for flood and inundation hazards.
 - ii. Utilize best available data, science, and technologies to improve understanding of the location and potential impacts of flood hazards.
 - iii. Provide state, County and local agencies and stakeholders with updated information about flood hazards, vulnerabilities, and mitigation measures.
 - iv. ~~Discourage new development in known flood hazard areas or ensure that, if development occurs in those areas, it is done in a way to minimize flood risk.~~ **Educate proponents of projects in known flood hazard areas about the potential flood risks and the need for mitigation measures to minimize flood risk**
 - v. Consider open space land uses within known flood hazard areas.
 - vi. ~~Provide the highest degree of flood hazard protection at the least cost by working with environmentally friendly natural systems and by using prevention as the first priority.~~ **Where feasible and cost effective, prioritize environmentally friendly natural systems when reducing flood risk.**
- c. In the interest of time, the remaining five objectives will be provided with these minutes for review and input by the FMP committee. The objective will be on the agenda for discussion and vote the next FMP Committee meeting.

Overview of Public Outreach Strategy

1. Stephanie and Esmerelda from MIG provided a brief overview of the outreach program and focused this discussion on the set of questions for the survey. An overview of the approach and type of questions were presented. The questions from the 2002 survey were used as the basis with some edits and placement in categories for clarity. Due to constraints on the remaining time for further discussion and input on the questionnaire, additional time for FMP Committee review and comment is provided. **Comments and edits to the questionnaire are requested by June 11th. Please send comments to Pat Wood or Anjero**
2. Stephanie and Esmerelda will be the contacts for public meetings

Questionnaire

1. Stephanie explained how the questionnaire was reorganized to address the following 4 themes:
 - a. Assess knowledge
 - b. Readiness
 - c. Community perceptions and expectations
 - d. Determine community needs to resources and tools
2. The highlights of the new changes to the questionnaire are as follows
 - a. Organized by theme,
 - b. Added a space for open comments,



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- c. Looking to get more perspectives and larger response
3. The survey will be available on the web and through Public Works
4. There was a few comments from the FMP committee about vacant land, how the survey will be sent to properties without buildings, and that renters needed to be included. This was noted by MIG to be addressed in the survey revisions.

Action Items

1. The FMP committee should review provide input on:
 - a. The Doodle Poll will be sent out in the next 2-weeks for the next meeting time and date. The date will be between **July 15-22nd**
 - b. The Objectives- Send comments to Pat Wood/Anjero Asper before the next meetings and the revisions will be voted on next meeting
 - c. The Charter- Send comments to Pat Wood/Anjero Asper before the next meetings and the revisions will be voted on next meeting
 - d. The Survey Questions - Send comments to Pat Wood/ Anjero Asper before **June 11th**
 - e. FMP Draft Part 1- Review the draft for the next meeting when we will be discussing and taking comments. Comments on this document are due on **July 25th**.
2. Burns & McDonnell will send out:
 - a. A poll for the next meeting
 - b. Meeting Minutes and Copy of Presentation
 - c. Draft Charter
 - d. Draft FMP Part 1
 - e. FMP Milestones
 - f. An Agenda for the next meeting which will include the project schedule, voting on the objectives, voting on the Charter, questions on the FMP Draft Part 1, public meetings scheduled and other public outreach activities

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00pm PST