



**Los Angeles County Public Works  
2020 Floodplain Management Plan Update**

3rd Steering Committee (SC) Meeting  
 Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. PT.  
 Los Angeles County Public Works HQ – TMC Conference Room  
 900 South Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803



**Meeting Participants**

1. Government	Chen, Caroline	LA County Regional Planning
Government	Chi, Iris	LA County Regional Planning
2. Government	Godoy, David	<i>Alternate</i> Los Angeles County Fire Department
3. Government	Husted, Jack	<u><i>Alternate</i></u> -PW Disaster Services Group
4. Government	Natoli, Gina- <b>Vice Chair</b>	LA County Regional Planning
5. Government	Nguyen, Cung	PW Stormwater Planning
Government	Madrid, Jalaine	PW Community Government Relations Group
6. Government	Tong, Glen	<i>Alternate</i> PW Building & Safety
7. Government	Walker, Neonika	<i>Alternate</i> PW Community Government Relations Group
8. Government	Wood, Patricia- <b>Chair</b>	PW Stormwater Engineering
1. Non-Government	Blalock, John	Antelope Valley Resident
2. Non-Government	Duboff, Jessica	Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
3. Non-Government	Ellis, Dr. Andre	California State University, Los Angeles
4. Non-Government	Ggem, Shannon	Malibu Lake Mountain Club
5. Non-Government	Miranda, Salomon	California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
6. Non-Government	Sharpton, Debbie	Environmental Restoration Group
7. Non-Government	Garcia-Ruiz, Joselito	American Red Cross Los Angeles
8. Non-Government	Wong, Dorothy	<i>Alternate</i> Altadena Town Council
Core Planning Team	Chen, Michael	Los Angeles County Public Works
Core Planning Team	Tran, Larry	Los Angeles County Public Works
Core Planning Team	Win, Thu	Los Angeles County Public Works
Core Planning Team	Artz, Ira	Tetra Tech, Inc.
Core Planning Team	Flaner, Rob	Tetra Tech, Inc.
Core Planning Team	Parker, Steve	Tetra Tech, Inc.
Core Planning Team	Schloss, Melissa	Tetra Tech, Inc.

Numbered = Voting attendees



## **Planning Process**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Pat Wood, Los Angeles County Public Works welcomed attendees and went around the room so attendees could introduce themselves.

### **Review Agenda**

Rob Flaner, Tetra Tech welcomed attendees and provided time for attendees to review the agenda and make any final edits. No edits were requested.

### **Meeting #2 Summary**

Rob Flaner asked the SC if they had any edits to the August 14, 2019 meeting minutes. No edits were requested.

**MOTION made by Pat Wood to approve the August 14, 2019 meeting minutes and seconded by Joselito Garcia-Ruiz. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Receive Public Comment**

Rob Flaner asked members of the public if they wished to address the committee. No public comments were expressed.

## **New Business**

### **SC Homework- Objectives Setting**

Rob Flaner reviewed the objectives that were finalized at the August 14, 2019 SC meeting as well as the two proposed twelfth objectives. Great discussion was had about how to define resilience as stated in Objective Recommendation A. The SC agreed that the definition of “resiliency” they choose to use for this FMP needs to be a microcosm of how it is defined in other county plans. The county agreed to have Tetra Tech review the BRIC definition, Rockefeller and the 37 federal definitions and present a few resilience definitions geared toward the FMP to the SC for review at the next meeting. This will also be an agenda item at the next CPT meeting.

The SC agreed to use the following twelfth objective:

Promote community resilience through education on flood risks, insurance and mitigation, and effective floodplain management regulation.

**MOTION by Gina Natoli to approve the twelfth objective with a future possible amendment to define “resilience” and second by Pat Wood. Motion carried unanimously.**



### **Critical Facilities / Infrastructure**

Rob Flaner explained FEMA’s new BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) initiative and discussed how it is replacing the PDM (Pre-Disaster Mitigation) grant. He reviewed the handout containing the critical facilities / infrastructure definition that was used in the 2015 plan and asked the SC if they’d like to make any updates to it.

The SC discussed adding “Services” to each existing bullet point, to make it read, “facilities/services.” Rob Flaner explained it would be in the county’s best interest to include a definition of critical facilities / infrastructure as it pertains to each of the BRIC program’s seven lifelines as it would expand applicability of BRIC funding in the future. FEMA is still in progress for defining the details to the new BRIC program.

The SC decided to table approval of the critical facilities/ infrastructure until the next meeting. Tetra Tech will make the abovementioned edits and present recommendations at the next meeting.

### **Public Outreach Strategy**

Rob Flaner asked the SC if they’d like to use a survey as they had done in the past and presented the survey that was used for the 2015 plan. The SC requested the following edits:

- Remove question 1
- Reword question 3 to ask, “Do you live or own a business in a floodplain?”
- Strike the word “citizen” and replace it with “resident” throughout the survey.
- County staff will continue to review the survey and provide comments to Tetra Tech before the next meeting. Tetra Tech will then make edits and send out to the SC via email.

Rob Flaner stated Malibou Lake is agreeable to the 10/9/19 date for the first public meeting/workshop. (Note: Open House was changed to 10/7/19 after meeting to avoid the religious holiday, Yom Kippur. The SC discussed using a public invitation via post cards and social media to gauge attendance and plan for HAZUS-MH work stations.

### **Action Items and Next Steps**

- Larry Tran to post the approved August 14, 2019 SC summary onto the new website.
- Tetra Tech to craft a sample definition of resilience to present at the next meeting.
- Tetra Tech to make edits to the critical facilities / infrastructure definition and present at the next meeting.
- County staff will continue to review the survey and provide comments ASAP to Tetra Tech.
- Tetra Tech to send out the Agenda for the following meeting.

### **Next Meeting Date**

- The next SC meeting date will be October 9, 2019 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. PT. The meeting location is the Los Angeles County Public Works HQ, Conference Room A, 900 S. Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803.



**Adjourn**

**MOTION by Pat Wood to adjourn the September 11, 2019 SC meeting and second by Gina Natoli. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. PT.