



County of Los Angeles
2025 Floodplain Management Plan Revision
2nd Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) Meeting
Wednesday, July 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. PDT
Virtual Meeting



<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Type</u>
Ahmet Tatlioglu	PW Stormwater Maintenance	Government
Gina Natoli	LA County Dept of Regional Planning	Government
Tera Haramoto	PW Building & Safety	Government
Glenn Tong	PW Building & Safety	Government (Alternate)
Kari Eskridge	PW Community Government Relations Group	Government
Loni Eazell	PW Emergency Management Group	Government
Angine Geragoosian	PW Emergency Management Group	Government (Alternate)
Mark Martinez	County Fire Department	Government
Alex Villalta	County Fire Department	Government
Pat Wood	PW Stormwater Engineering – CRS Coordinator	Government
Anjero Asprer	PW Stormwater Engineering – CRS Coordinator	Government (Alternate)
Gary (Yong) Guo	PW Stormwater Engineering – Hydrology & Hydraulics	Government (Alternate)
CJ Caluag	PW Stormwater Planning	Government (Alternate)
Jessie Wise	PW	Government
Timothy Dahlum	Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles	Non-Government (Alternate)
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
Thu Win	PW Stormwater Engineering	Core Planning Team
Makenna Hobson	Burns & McDonnell	Core Planning Team
David Pohl	Burns & McDonnell	Core Planning Team
Courtney Semlow	Craftwater	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.



FMP Objectives Cont.- PowerPoint

- 1) David Pohl presented a slide deck that included the changes made to the objectives last meeting.
- 2) The committee was asked for their input on the remaining 5 objectives not covered in the last meeting. The following bullets represent the comments and the discussion on these objectives:
 - a) **Objective #7:** Retrofit, purchase and relocate structures in known flood hazard areas, especially those known to be repetitively damaged.
 - i) The objective isn't clear about who would be purchasing structures, this would be property specific and the responsibility of the homeowner and/or the governmental agencies.
 - ii) Although in most cases the private property owner would be responsible for retrofits, purchasing and relocation, the County may consider purchasing repetitive loss properties and converting these properties into open space.
 - iii) The objective was modified as follows: **Encourage and support efforts** to retrofit, purchase and relocate structures in known flood hazard areas, especially those known to be repetitively damaged.
 - b) **Objective #8:** Provide flood protection by maintaining flood control systems.
 - i) No comments or issues raised. No changes made.
 - c) **Objective # 9:** Sustain reliable local emergency operations and facilities during and after a flood event.
 - i) Clarification needed on better defining what “sustain reliable local emergency operations mean.” This may be clearer if it referred to “emergency response.”
 - ii) This objective should reference the Los Angeles County Emergency Response Plan.
 - iii) The objective was modified as follows: **“Implement flood response plan during and after a flood event.”**
 - d) **Objective #10:** Consider climate change implications in planning for flood and inundation hazards.
 - i) Include how new plans are evolving because of climate change and sustainability.
 - ii) This is fairly broad because there are many different ways to combat climate change including the federal flood risk standard.
 - iii) Suggested to remove the word implications to make it more direct
 - iv) The objective was modified as follows: “Consider climate change in planning for flood and inundation hazards.”
 - e) **Objective #11:** Promote community resilience through education on flood risks, insurance and mitigation, and effective floodplain management regulation.
 - i) Community education is very important especially in the mountainous portions of the Unincorporated County that where flooding and mud flow hazards may occur.



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- ii) No changes were suggested for this objective.
- f) Overall comments on objectives: objective should include mention of green infrastructure as the new ordinances and design standards for green infrastructure reduce runoff and flooding.
 - i) Recommended that this was added to **Objective #6**: Where feasible and cost effective, prioritize environmentally friendly natural systems **including green infrastructure** when reducing flood risk.

MOTION was made by Pat Wood to approve Objectives seconded by Loni Eazell. Motion passed with no votes for opposed.

Charter- Word Document

1. The charter was distributed and mentioned at the first FMP Meeting. FMP Committee members were asked to review the Charter and provided comments. No comments were received.
2. The document was presented and each section presented for comment and discussion.
3. There were no comments on the ground rules, chairperson/vice-chairperson, quorum, or alternates, decision-making, recommendations, staffing, spokespersons, meeting dates, attendance, public involvement, accommodations, or courtesy sections.
4. Committee was asked if there was any item they would like to go back to look at, no comments.

MOTION was made by Pat Wood to approve the Charter seconded by Gina Natoli. Motion passed with no votes opposed.

FMP Milestones/FMP Meetings- PowerPoint Presentation

1. A list of milestones and meeting dates was sent out. Anticipate up to six meetings corresponding to when the drafts are prepared. Materials will be sent out 2 weeks prior to the meeting. The timeline is dictated by when the plan needs to be completed.
2. The next meeting is proposed for the end of August/early September. A doodle poll will be sent out next week to allow committee members to response with available dates. A date and time will be selected based on the poll results in order to achieve a quorum.
3. David opened the floor to the committee to provide input.
4. There were no comments on the schedule.

Public Outreach

1. Community Floodplain Questionnaire.



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- a. Stephanie Pavón from MIG presented an update about responses to the Community Floodplain Questionnaire, which went live via a link on the webpage for Los Angeles County Public Works' Floodplain Management Plan 2025 Update on June 26, 2024, and will be available until August 30, 2024.
 - b. Stephanie discussed the current total responses and geography (by zip code) provided by respondents.
 - c. She also requested that committee members promote the survey to their neighbors, communities and networks in unincorporated Los Angeles County.
2. Malibou Lake Public meeting
- a. Stephanie from MIG discussed the outcomes of the public meeting held on July 18, 2024 in Malibou Lake. Public Works and project team staff attended to provide an introduction to community members about the FMP update plan, share resources related to flood preparedness and share upcoming opportunities for residents and community members to provide input into the process.
 - b. The project team presented the map of the Malibou Lake Repetitive Loss Area (RLA), and participants were able to ask questions about their specific properties and use floodplain mapping software to determine hazards at their properties.
 - c. MIG also provided tablets for participants to take the Community Flood Preparedness Questionnaire.
 - d. Four community members came to the meeting.
3. Public Participation
- a. Stephanie introduced a timeline graphic shared at the public meeting which included the different types of activities during this update process where community members will be able to provide their comments and feedback. In addition to FMP and PPI committee meetings, the timeline graphic includes the timeframe for the community questionnaire, the proposed timeframe for public comment on the draft RLA and FMP documents, and public meetings to be held during the public comment period, scheduled for early 2025.
 - b. Stephanie also discussed setting up the first PPI committee meeting, to begin the review process of the current Program for Public Information, looking at past messaging and outreach efforts. An earlier round of suggested dates in July did not receive enough responses from PPI members. MIG is proposing dates from August 8 through August 22 and will send out a doodle poll via email to PPI committee members and alternates.
4. Website Updates
- a. Anjero from LA County Public Works described updates made to the project website to include information related to this update, including an updated list of FMP committee members, the schedule of meetings, and links to resources.
 - b. Feedback on this item included:
 - i. Ensure committee members names are updated and accurate



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- ii. Ensure that during a google search for “LA County Floodplain Management Update” that results send people to the 2025 Update web page on the LA County Public Works website, and not the 2020 Update web page.
- iii. Include a notice and link on the 2020 Update web page that directs users to the 2025 update web page.
- c. Anjero mentioned that the IT team will update the Public Works website to ensure that the FMP Update 2025 web page falls into the top three search items via Google and other search engines.
- d. Action items:**
 - i. MIG will send the mailer flyer for the Community Flood Preparedness Questionnaire to FMP Committee members to share with their communities and networks.
 - ii. MIG will share a doodle poll with PPI Committee members and alternates to schedule a date for the first PPI meeting for August.

Floodplain Management Plan Part 1 and Repetitive Loss Area Analysis Part 1

- 1. The FMP committee had comments on the document that were sent in email prior to the meeting.
 - a. Makenna Hobson from Burns & McDonnell went through the received comments and where they were changed so far in the document.
 - b. The floor was open for comments on the document.
 - i. There was a suggestion to add to the document the major bond issues that funded major flood control measures in LA County. These major bond issues in 1952, 1958, 1964 and 1970 also corresponded to major flood events.
 - ii. It was also suggested to add a discussion on when the LA County Flood Control District was created and what areas of the unincorporated county were or not included.
 - iii. The RLAA focuses on insured properties. Suggestion was to also include discussion of the risk to portions of properties that do not contain a structure and are not covered by insurance. Impacts may include flooding and mud slides.
 - iv. FMP should include reference to complimentary plans that include Ready LA County and how the FMP compliments/coordinates with these plans. This includes coordination with Fire Protection Plans. Storm events after fires may result in greater flooding and mud slides. Response to emergencies and response coordination should be presented.
 - v. Increases in population and development may add to flooding hazards and should be noted. For example, Altadena population has grown significantly.



- c. The review period was extended another week to May 31 for additional comments from the committee.

Critical Facilities

1. The FMP committee was asked to provide input on the categories of critical facilities.
 - a. There was a question on considering the developing LA Ready alerts. Make sure response connections are thought about with all the new plans coming together.
 - b. Are Dams considered critical facilities? There is a separate section and discussion on dams and levees in the FMP. FEMA does not consider them as critical facilities. Suggest adding a reference to the dam section when introducing critical facilities.

MOTION made by Pat Wood to approve the Critical Facilities pending additions from the FMP Committee until July 31st seconded by Mark Caddick. Motion passed with no votes opposed.

Next Committee Meeting and Action Items

2. 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 **Late August/Early September**
 - b. Burns & McDonnell will be sending out FMP Part 2 Draft and RLAA Part 2 Draft with 2-3 weeks of review time before the next meeting.
 - c. The Survey- Please fill out the survey and share with local community if you are located in flooding areas.
3. Burns & McDonnell & Team will send out:
 - a. A doodle poll for the next meeting
 - b. Meeting Minutes and Copy of Presentation
 - c. The mailer flyer for the Community Flood Preparedness Questionnaire to FMP Committee members to share with their communities and networks.
 - d. MIG will share a doodle poll with the PPI committee members for a meeting at the beginning of August.
 - e. 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 11:40pm PDT