

Minutes

Indian River County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group Meeting

Indian River County Emergency Operations Center
4225 43rd Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32967
August 5, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

John King, Chairman of the Indian River County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group, welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He thanked Etta LoPresti and the rest of the Working Group for working so diligently to get the LMS plan approved.

Ms. LoPresti explained that we received an “Approval Pending Adoption” letter from FEMA dated June 30, 2010 and immediately began the process of having the Board of County Commissioners approve the plan. The LMS plan was presented to the Board for approval on July 13, 2010 and was unanimously approved by Resolution Number 2010-059. Indian River County must submit adoption documentation and document that a final public meeting occurred before a formal approval is issued. This requirement will be met following today’s meeting and a letter of request for formal approval will be sent to FDEM.

Ms. LoPresti proceeded to give a demonstration of navigating through the LMS section of the county website. The Group was shown how to get to the updated LMS plan and where to find the updated Prioritized Projects and Project Status List (Appendix G). The Group was reminded where to find the Project Proposal Form and that a project can be proposed at any time. Types of projects that can/cannot be funded and potential funding sources can also be found on the website.

Hazard mitigation grant opportunities were then discussed. When received, Notices of Funding Availability will be e-mailed to the Working Group and then posted to the website. Currently, there are two hazard mitigation grants available: Flood Mitigation Grants and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program. For additional information please see the website (<http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/LMS/Index.htm>).

Brian Nolan reminded all the municipalities that they will not be eligible for hazard mitigation grants until they formally adopt the current Local Mitigation Strategy. He provided them with a copy of their former resolutions adopting the plan to be used as an example. They will have until June 30, 2011 to adopt the new LMS. It was requested they provide us with the documentation when available so we can send it to FEMA/FDEM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Indian River County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group is unscheduled at this time but John King told the Group that we will be getting a schedule together with the goal of meeting quarterly. We will be distributing that schedule in the near future. He reminded them how important it is to keep us informed of the status of their projects.