

Meeting Date
08/18/15



AGENDA	
Section	CONSENT
Item No.	II.C.6

**AGENDA REPORT**  
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Resolution: Brevard County Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy (LMS)
DEPT/OFFICE:	Emergency Management

Requested Action:

It is requested the Board approve a resolution adopting the Brevard Prepares Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy.

Summary Explanation & Background:

Every five years, the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) is required to be updated and submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval. In this cycle, that review and approval process was delegated from FEMA to the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM). FDEM has determined that Brevard County has developed and submitted all the necessary plan revisions, is compliant with federal standards, and is ready for formal community adoption. Each participating municipality must pass a resolution for their jurisdiction approving the LMS.

An approved and adopted LMS is a requirement for state and local governments, in order to receive Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding following a Presidential Disaster Declaration, per the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act and the Code of Federal Regulations.

Additional benefits to having a local hazard mitigation strategy are that it:

1. Increases public awareness and understanding of vulnerabilities as well as support for specific actions to reduce losses from future natural disasters.
2. Builds partnerships with diverse stakeholders increasing opportunities to leverage data and resources in reducing workloads as well as achieving shared community objectives.
3. Expands understanding of potential risk reduction measures to include structural and regulatory tools, where available, such as ordinances and building codes.
4. Allows for development, prioritization, and implementation of mitigation projects. Projects are designed to accrue cost benefits and increase community resiliency, as losses are reduced after each hazard event.

**Fiscal Impact: None**

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached: LMS Resolution, LMS, LMS Approval Pending Adoption letter from FDEM

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney    Yes     No     PR

County Manager	Assistant County Manager, Frank Abbate	Department Director / Extension
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager, Venetta Valdengo	Kimberly Prosser, Emergency Management, x56670



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August 19, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kimberly Prosser, Emergency Management Director

RE: Item II.C.6., Resolution for Brevard County Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy (LMS)

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on August 18, 2015, adopted Resolution No. 15-132, for the Brevard County Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy (LMS). Enclosed is a certified copy of the Resolution for your action.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

/ds

Encl. (1)

cc: Finance  
Budget

**BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION**

2015-132

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR UNINCORPORATED BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 2015 UPDATE OF THE BREVARD PREPARES LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION STRATEGY (LMS) PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the unincorporated areas of Brevard County are vulnerable to the human and economic costs of natural, technological and societal disasters, and

WHEREAS, Brevard County recognizes the importance of reducing or eliminating these vulnerabilities for the overall good and welfare of the community, and

WHEREAS, Brevard County has been an active participant in the Brevard Prepares Local Mitigation Strategy Steering Committee, which has established a comprehensive, coordinated planning process to eliminate or decrease these vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, Brevard County's representatives and staff have identified, justified a number of proposed projects and programs needed to mitigate the vulnerabilities of the unincorporated areas of Brevard to the impacts of future disasters, and

WHEREAS, these proposed projects and programs have been incorporated into the updated 2015 edition of the Brevard Prepares LMS that has been prepared and issued for consideration and implementation by the communities of Brevard County.

WHEREAS, the Brevard County 2015 LMS is in compliance with the local hazard mitigation requirements of Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as implemented in 44 C.F.R., Part 201; and

WHEREAS, approval and adoption of the LMS is necessary in order to maintain eligibility for future hazard mitigation project grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, as follows:

**Section 1.** The Board of County Commissioners accepts and approves of the 2015 Brevard Prepares Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy Plan.

**Section 2.** The agency personnel of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners are requested and instructed to pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of the proposals designated herein.

**Section 3.** The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners will, upon securing such funding or other necessary resources, seek to implement the proposals contained in its section of the strategy.

**Section 4.** The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners will continue to participate in the Brevard Prepares LMS Steering Committee to update and expand the Brevard Prepares Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy.

**Section 5.** The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners will further encourage other businesses, industries, and community groups within Brevard to participate in Brevard Prepares to support the Brevard Prepares Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy.

**Section 6.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the enactment date.


DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED in regular session of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners this 18 day of Aug, 2015.

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Scott Ellis, written over a faint circular seal of the Brevard County Board of Commissioners.

Scott Ellis, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

A blue ink signature of Robin Fisher, written over a horizontal line.

Robin Fisher, Chairman

(As approved by the Board on 8-18-15, 2015)



STATE OF FLORIDA  
**DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

RICK SCOTT  
Governor

BRYAN W. KOON  
Director

October 1, 2014

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group Chair/Coordinator

**FROM:** Miles E. Anderson, Mitigation Bureau Chief  
State Hazard Mitigation Officer  
Florida Division of Emergency Management

**RE:** State approval of LMS plans under Program Administration by States (PAS)

Florida is currently operating under PAS with regard to the review and approval of Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) plans.

Under this designation, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) will manage the approval of LMS plans with minimal Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) oversight. FEMA will continue to send final approval letters to local communities for their mitigation plans.

**The process:**

Plan updates should be submitted to the state for review six (6) months prior to the plan expiration date. Once received, FDEM will complete the first review of each LMS plan within 30-days of receipt whenever possible. Once the plan has been reviewed by FDEM, the county will be notified that the plan is either in need of revisions, approved pending adoption, or approved.

- **Needs Revisions:** If the plan is determined to be insufficient the FDEM Mitigation Planning Unit will provide technical assistance to the local jurisdiction until they believe that the plan adequately meets the regulations according to FEMA's standards.
- **Approved Pending Adoption (APA):** After FDEM reviewers determine that the plan adequately meets all regulations according to FEMA's standards, they will notify the local jurisdiction by email and letter that the plan is ready to be adopted.
- **Approved:** Once a plan is adopted, FDEM will notify FEMA that the LMS plan is approved and provide a copy of the adoption resolution, the final plan, and a completed Plan Review Tool. FEMA will issue a formal approval letter for FDEM to transmit to the local community.

If you have any questions or need any further information regarding this change please do not hesitate to contact your state LMS liaison.

MEA/jlp



STATE OF FLORIDA  
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July 13, 2015

Ms. Debbie Coles  
Local Mitigation Strategy Coordinator  
1746 Cedar Street  
Rockledge, Florida 32955

Re: Brevard County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved Pending Adoption

Dear Ms. Coles:

This is to confirm that we have completed a State review of the Brevard County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) update for compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards contained in 44 CFR 201/6(b)-(d). Based on our review and comments, Brevard County has developed and submitted all the necessary plan revisions and our staff has reviewed and approved these revisions. We have determined that the Brevard County LMS plan is compliant with federal standards, subject to formal community adoption, for the jurisdictions below:

Brevard County, Unincorporated  
City of Cape Canaveral  
City of Cocoa  
City of Cocoa Beach  
City of Indian Harbour Beach  
City of Melbourne  
City of Rockledge  
City of Satellite Beach  
City of Palm Bay  
City of Titusville  
City of West Melbourne  
Town of Grant-Valkaria  
Town of Indiatlantic  
Town of Malabar  
Town of Melbourne Beach  
Town of Palm Shores  
Village of Melbourne Village

Upon submittal of a copy of all participating jurisdictions' documentation of their adoption resolutions to our office, we will send all necessary documentation to the Federal

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Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who will issue formal approval of the Brevard County LMS.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact David M. Block at 850-413-9959 or david.block@em.myflorida.com.

Respectfully,



Miles E. Anderson,  
Bureau Chief, Mitigation  
State Hazard Mitigation Officer

MEA/dmb

Attachments: MEMORADUM: State approval of LMS plans under Program Administration by States (PAS)