



Committee Meeting #1 - Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2023
 Time PST: 9:30 AM – 11:13 AM
 Location: Zoom, City Hall Council Chambers

Table 1: Action Items

#	Action Item	Responsible	Due Date
City of Manhattan Beach			
1	Provide meeting minutes and materials.	MB	12/11/23
2	Provide agenda for Meeting # 2 on December 12, 2023.	MB	12/5/23
Committee Members			
3	Complete Personal and Professional Experiences Survey.	Committee Members	12/10/23
4	Attend Committee Meeting # 2.	Committee Members	12/12/23
Members of the Public			
5	Complete Public Survey.	Members of the public	1/30/24
6	Attend Committee Meeting # 2.	Members of the Public	12/12/23

I. Welcome & Administration

- a. Amanda MacLennan introduced the group and welcomed everyone to the first hazard mitigation planning committee meeting.
- b. Amanda stated that the plan is being developed under Chief Lang-Fire department.
- c. She then passed the control to Constant Associates and Dylan Yates started the introduction.

II. Public Comment

- a. Frank Chiella a retired Battalion Chief for Manhattan Fire, stated they are looking forward to working with this and looking forward to more residents joining.
- b. Krista Skinner stated they are interested in youth sports locations and how best to protect youth and sports/activities.

III. Education

- a. What is Hazard Mitigation?
 - i. Discussion focused on definitions.



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- b. Regulatory Requirements
 - i. Discussion focused on requirements established by FEMA.
- c. Mitigation Projects and Actions
 - i. Discussion focused on what projects have been completed in the past and the need to develop new mitigation strategies through this planning process.
- d. Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants
 - i. Cal OES Grant application can be found at:
<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/operations/recovery-directorate/hazard-mitigation/>
- e. Vulnerability and Impacts
 - i. Provided a description of assets and discussed the impacts of natural hazards on a large scale.
- f. Review of 2019 Plan Goals
 - i. Reviewed the four 2019 Plan Goals to establish a baseline and a path forward for the 2024 LHMP.

IV. Hazards of Prime Concern

- a. Climate Change Impacts
 - i. Discussed the impacts of climate change and how it is important to keep in mind that it is integrated into several hazards of prime concern.
- b. Previous Occurrences
 - i. CONSTANT team reviewed previous occurrences and discussed sources of historical information.
- c. Hazards of Prime Concern Discussion
 - i. Wayne Powell stated he noticed one concern not addressed: mosquitoes that carry diseases such as the West Nile virus and Zika virus. Los Angeles County experienced mosquitoes with heavy rain and standing water. A second concern in the same vein is ticks, Lyme disease and bees.
 - a. Dylan mentioned that this may be a realm of mitigation or public health awareness. He made the determination that infections disease/tick/mosquito illness might not fit within scope of hazard mitigation. It aligns more with disease management and/or preparedness. Wayne asked if can be mentioned in flooding. Dylan agreed that standing water as a result of flooding could increase the impacts of mosquito borne illnesses and will be described in the plan under the inland flooding hazard profile.
 - ii. Vincente Miles informed the committee that he did not see toxins from refineries identified as a hazard.
 - a. Dylan responded that critical infrastructure and the local refineries (regionally and surrounding city) are being looked at as



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vulnerabilities to natural hazards and will be mentioned in the plan.

- iii. Councilmember Lesser asked what extent does the CONSTANT template provide for after a hazard? Does the CONSTANT template cover preparedness/response?
 - a. Michelle spoke to the different phases of Emergency Management. Actions after a hazard would align under a recovery or response plan within the community. Mona Bontty mentioned CONSTANT can look at more mitigation methods to prevent such a need for recovery and to try to limit the damage associated with natural hazards.
- iv. Carol Patterson stated that she would like if the Hazard plan would address concerns with protecting cultural treasures. To ensure all the collections, art center, archives, art buildings, and outdoor art need to be protected.
 - a. Dylan mentions FEMA's role in identifying vulnerable assets. Mitigation projects should address protecting these as well. Dylan asked Carol and the community to bring ideas to protect those and mitigate impact on these critical assets within the community.
- v. Todd Devoe shared that he didn't believe wildfire to be a major concern, but that air quality could be, however it would be difficult to mitigate. He continued to state, "The real threats seem to be flooding and tsunami in low-lying areas and should be a priority."
- vi. Kevin Bass informed the committee that the Beach community does have a fire problem due to high winds. Wildfire should be expanded in its definition. Dylan mentioned he wants to focus on natural hazards vs manmade.
- vii. Eunique Day expressed to the committee that she has concerns for severe weather such as wind and rain, but not necessarily for flooding. She also brought up concerns with extreme heat and for some of those communities that may need cooling centers. Additionally, she brought up a concern with individuals with access and functional needs (AFN) having the ability to find shelter during the day due to extreme heat.
- viii. Todd Devoe reminded the Committee members to focus on natural disasters and reminded everyone that this is not an all-hazards situation. Eunique responded with a focus on natural disasters such as earthquakes making a facility insecure, and provided an example such as refinery damage.
- ix. Wayne Powell mentioned that Manhattan Beach is in proximity to a refinery. Shall there be more focus on foreign domestic terrorism?
- x. Dylan mentioned climate change could result in more severe tropical storms-more high winds, which could potentially result in more substantial flooding.



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- d. Dylan asked the Committee Members if they have additional information and/or background on vulnerable communities and mitigation measures to protect them.
 - i. Commissioner Carol Patterson stated she has a strong connection with the elderly population. She informed the committee of her concern for those individuals that live alone. She asked "Is there support for them or a plan to help direct what they should do? Older people need more specifics about what they do to plan to prepare."
 - a. Dylan said they will investigate to see if there is anything that can be added in the mitigation plan, but focused also on the other plans that may cover it more thoroughly, such as the evacuation plan. CONSTANT will be describing/outlining these vulnerable populations and asked for more specific information about vulnerable communities, if available. Mona highlighted the importance of a community information campaign as well as notification systems. CONSTANT is looking at projects that align with community preparedness to help mitigate disasters in the future.
 - ii. Todd Devoe re-focused back to what Eunice said and asked, "Will the plan be focusing on severe weather or is wind separate?"
 - a. Dylan responded that we could combine wind with other hazards associated with severe weather for the plan.
 - iii. Mirna Puma asked if there are mitigation efforts that include safety once a hazard event happened? For example, If residents had to evacuate, what would happen to the properties? Are there mitigation efforts to address those safety issues?
 - a. Michelle Klein highlighted the federal government provides other grants to assist with security. Further, Michelle elaborated that CONSTANT is focused with the mitigation plan, on improving resiliency vs law enforcement protection measures.
 - iv. Pastor Douglas Barclay commented on keeping an eye on the surrounding populations with schools, daycares, etc.
 - a. Dylan mentioned the mitigation plan is focusing on the critical infrastructure and their vulnerabilities, perhaps the populations of concern can be identified along with the critical infrastructures.
 - v. Talyn Mirzakhonian mentioned her organization has research available on vulnerable communities and demographics and would like to provide it to eliminate the recreation of work.
 - a. Amanda MacLennan has access to the available information via weblink. Dylan mentioned the Hazard Mitigation Plan must align the mitigation plan with other plans and will ensure her data is reviewed and incorporated.
 - vi. Daniel Pankau inquired if the coastal hazards plan is being evaluated?



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- a. Dylan mentioned that per FEMA's regulations, the plan will be in alignment with other City plans.

V. Next Steps and Action Items

- a. City of Manhattan Beach:
 - i. Provide meeting minutes and materials.
 - ii. Next Meeting: Meeting # 2 on December 12, 2023 from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Topic: Risk Analysis and Assessment Discussion
 - a. Agenda will be available next week.
- b. Committee Members:
 - i. Complete Personal and Professional Experiences Survey. Due December 10, 2023.
 - a. Survey available from November 29 – December 10, 2023.
 - ii. Attend Committee Meeting # 2 on December 12, 2023.
- c. Members of the Public:
 - i. Complete Public Survey. Due January 30, 2024.
 - a. Survey is available from November 30, 2023 – January 30, 2024.
 - ii. Attend Committee Meeting # 2 on December 12, 2023.

VI. Questions

- a. Councilmember Lesser inquired about what expertise is being looked for in the future. As a policy maker, he doesn't know if he will be available for future meetings.
 - i. Dylan responded that we are eager to hear about the needs of elected officials and the constituents they represent.
 - ii. Councilmember Lesser asked for some examples of Hazard Mitigation plans. Dylan and Mona mentioned they can provide examples, but the new FEMA guidelines changed how they are conducted. Mona mentioned CalOES is still trying to meet the new guidelines. Amanda mentioned it is important to hear all the community lifelines and that they are present to ensure that plan is encompassing and has positive impact.
- b. Mirna Puma asked for copies of the presentation slides.
 - i. Dylan stated before the end of the following week slides will go out with meeting minutes and links for the surveys. Amanda followed-up with information that the video from the meeting will be available on website as well.
- c. Amanda MacLennan provided a final thank you to participants and reminded members they can contact her with additional questions/concerns.

VII. Adjourn

- a. Meeting ended at 11:13 AM PST.



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 Table 2: Participants

Name	Role	Organization
Alexandria Latragna	Committee Member	City of Manhattan Beach
Allison Hales	Committee Member	Culture Club South Bay
Amanda MacLennan	Committee Member	City of Manhattan Beach
Bonnie Shrewsbury	Committee Member	City of Manhattan Beach
Bruce Moe	Committee Member	City of Manhattan Beach
Carol Patterson	Committee Member	City of Manhattan Beach
Chief Oli O'Connell	Committee Member	LA County Beaches and Harbors
City Clerk's Office	Committee Member	
Community Development	Committee Member	
David Lesser	Committee Member	Manhattan Beach Councilmember
Daniel Pankau	Committee Member	Manhattan Beach Environmental Programs Administrator
David Archer	Committee Member	Chamber of Commerce
Dylan Yates	Consultant	CONSTANT
Ed Knizewski	General Public	
Erik Zandvliet	Committee Member	Manhattan Beach City Liaison
Eunique Day	Committee Member	Torrance OES
Frank Chiella	Committee Member	MBCERT
Gilbert Gamboa	Committee Member	Manhattan Beach Principal Civil Engineer
Director Guardado	Committee Member	Manhattan Beach Information Technology Director



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Jason Sandoval	Committee Member	Manhattan Beach Code Enforcement Officer
Jennifer Love	Consultant	CONSTANT
Jill Lamkin	Committee Member	Local Organization/Farmers Market
Kevin Bass	Committee Member	Manhattan Beach Fire Marshal
Kevin Tiscareno	Committee Member	Manhattan Beach Fire Division Chief
Kirsta Skinner	Committee Member	Manhattan Hermosa AYSO18
Lectern	Committee Member	
Liza Tamura	Committee Member	Manhattan Beach City Clerk
Marcelo Serrano	Committee Member	MB Budget & Financial Analyst
Mario Hernandez	Committee Member	MB Purchasing Supervisor
Mayor Pro Tem Franklin	Committee Member	City of Manhattan Beach
MBTV	Committee Member	City of Manhattan Beach
Michelle Klein	Consultant	CONSTANT
Miguel G	General Public	
Mirna Puma	Committee Member	, MB Police Office Assistant
Mona Bontty	Consultant	CONSTANT
Monica Machacek-Chiapello	Consultant	CONSTANT
Pastor Douglas Barclay	Committee Member	Trinity Lutheran
Paul Curry	General Public	
Samuel English	Committee Member	Legal Risk Specialist, Hawthorne
Steve	General Public	
Suzy Contreras	Committee Member	MB Fire Inspector
Talyn Mirzakhianian,	Committee Member	MB Community Development Director

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Tammy Hierlihy	Committee Member	West Basin MWD
Tatyana R-Peltekova	Committee Member	City of Manhattan Beach
Tony Gomes	Committee Member	MB Fire Division Chief
Valerie Lee	General Public	
VCD	Committee Support	City of Manhattan Beach
Vincente Miles	Committee Member	Harbor Regional Center
Wayne Powell	Committee Member	LA County West Vector Control Trustee