

# Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan Infrastructure Restoration Work Group Meeting Summary

Date: August 31, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Pinellas County Planning Department Conference Room

**Attendees:** Ivana Blankenship, Tampa Bay Water; David Walker, PC Planning; Ivan Fernandez, Public Works; David Sadowsky, Attorney; Doug O'Neill, DEI; Malinda Fusco, PC Dept. of Environmental and Infrastructure (DEI); Dawn Lindgren, DEI; Charles Mangio, PC Solid Waste; Samuel Parker, PC Utilities/Solid Waste; Brady Smith, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council; Cate Lee, Clearwater Planning Dept.; Tom Jewsbury, St. Pete-Clearwater Airport; Angela Allen, FDOT; Sarah Ward, Pinellas MPO; Gordon Beardslee, PC Planning; Betti Johnson, TBRPC; Liz Freeman, PC Planning.

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- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Elizabeth Freeman welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the agenda for the meeting. Participants introduced themselves to the group.
  
- II. **Debris Management** – Betti Johnson with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council provided a status report of the coordination efforts regarding county and municipal debris management plans. A survey was sent to all jurisdictions requesting information on debris management plans. Several discrepancies have been noted and six communities have not yet responded. TBRPC will continue to work with local jurisdictions and the FDOT to update debris management coordination elements and site locations. A report will be posted online at [www.postdisasterplan.org](http://www.postdisasterplan.org) in a couple of weeks for review.
  
- III. **Vulnerability Analysis** – Brady Smith with TBRPC has updated the infrastructure vulnerability assessment for the PDRP and the Infrastructure Restoration Work Group. The inventories were used to determine vulnerability to storm surge, freshwater flooding and wildfire. Selected infrastructure was mapped and presented on a series of Vulnerability Assessment Atlases. Volume 1 included Utilities (water, waste water, and solid waste); Volume 2 included Emergency Services (fire, law enforcement, EMS, EOC) and Volume 3 included schools, libraries and government buildings. The vulnerability assessment will be put on the website, and notices will be emailed out to the Workgroup for their review and comment.

#### IV. Finalize Infrastructure Restoration Action Plan:

- a. **Consensus on Action Plan's Issues, Strategies, and Actions** – The group went through latest Version of the Action Plan (i.e. *Issues, Strategies, and Actions*) and made some edits to reflect:
  - i. Discussion on need for training (debris management, debris monitoring, damage assessment and rapid impact assessment, equipment training, NIMS position-specific training), better communication with emergency management with regard to needs and opportunities. It was also noted, that there are many courses that are taught by the Emergency Management Institute in Maryland that are free to County staff.
  - ii. Need to review list of potential disaster housing sites/debris management sites for conflict as well as potential environmental conflicts.
  - iii. Discussion of public works Family Liaison Program/ Resource Center and the Family Assistance Team designed to assist critical employees in post-event to ensure (1) communication with family; (2) immediate emergency home repairs; (3) child care; and (4) information and referral. Employee contribution based – not using public dollars
  - iv. Discussion of the Purchasing Department's Job Order Contracting (JOC) database/inventory for construction and drainage projects and pre-qualified contractors at county level as well as FDOT.
  - v. Include Real Estate Management and government facilities in strategy and action statements and responsible /collaborative agencies.
  - vi. Need for research into new technologies (state of the art) to build resiliency into new facilities, utilities, transportation and other infrastructure.
  - vii. Include more information on the Pinellas County Disaster Housing Plan and Task Force
  - viii. DEI has a plan for housing Employees and Mutual Aid assets including base camps and support. The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) will be provided to the PC Planning Dept. to incorporate into the PDRP>
  - ix. In regard to infrastructure restoration/ NIMBY: Discussion of the possibility of purchasing properties around those regionally significant infrastructure/ facilities as a buffer to minimize complaints from surrounding neighborhoods.
  - x. Brady Smith mentioned that Palm Beach County has added a Sea Level Rise component to their PDRP and will follow-up to see if it posted online.

(The edited action plan from the meeting will be posted online at <http://www.postdisasterplan.org>).

**V. Next Steps** – The meeting summary and amended Action Plan will be posted on the website. In addition, the proposed Temporary Housing Ordinance and the PC Disaster Housing Strategy will be posted. Any comments and recommendations should be forwarded to Elizabeth Freeman ([efreeman@pinellascounty.org](mailto:efreeman@pinellascounty.org)) or Betti Johnson at [betty@tbrpc.org](mailto:betty@tbrpc.org).

**VI. Adjoin** – Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm