



City of Los Angeles
Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2023
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

AGENDA

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Welcome - Jon Brown, Division Chief | Steering Committee Chairperson

Old Business - Jon Brown

- Acceptance of HMP Steering Committee Meeting #1 summary

New Business - Jon Brown (*needed – motion, second, and consensus for each action*)

- Acceptance of list of hazards
- Acceptance of mission statement
- Acceptance of goals
- Acceptance of objectives
- Acceptance of revised Steering Committee ground rules

Public Comment #1 – (limited to current HMP project and/or hazard mitigation) – limit 3 minutes

Project Coordination – Bart Spencer, Tetra Tech

- Planning Process
- Timeline

Hazard Assessment & Risk Analysis

- Overview & process update

Public Engagement – Megan Brotherton, Tetra Tech

- Update

Public Comment #2 – (limited to current HMP project and/or hazard mitigation) – limit 3 minutes

Requests or Comments from Committee Members

Adjourn



City of Los Angeles 2023 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update HAZARDS

Natural Hazards:

Dam Failure
Drought
Earthquake
Extreme Cold or Freeze
Extreme Heat
Flood
Landslide, Debris Flow, and other Mass Movements
Sea Level Rise, Coastal Flooding, and Erosion
Severe Wind, Weather, and Storms
Tsunami and Seiche
Wildfire

Other Hazards of Interest:

Civil Disorder
Cyber Threats
Geomagnetic Storm (Space Weather)
Hazardous Material Release
Oil Spills
Public Health Hazards (Epidemic/Pandemic/Vector-Borne Diseases)
Radiological Accidents
Smoke/Air Pollution
Terrorism
Transportation Accidents Resulting in Explosions or Toxic Releases
Urban Structural Fire



City of Los Angeles 2023 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update MISSION STATEMENT, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

Mission Statement:

Through whole community engagement, the mission of the City of Los Angeles LHMP is to reduce risk and increase resilience through comprehensive risk analysis and identifying corresponding mitigation strategies to protect City residents, their property, community lifelines, and the environment from traditional and emerging hazards.

Goals:

1. Protect life and property, including protecting the health and safety of communities.
2. Engage the “whole community” to better understand the hazards of Los Angeles and ways to reduce their personal vulnerability to those hazards.
3. Align the City of Los Angeles LHMP with future climate vulnerability assessments, action plans, and all levels of government’s hazard mitigation goals.
4. Develop and implement hazard mitigation strategies that use public funds in an efficient and cost-effective way.
5. Strive to increase adaptive capacity to reduce risk from hazard impacts based on future conditions.

Objectives:

1. Develop mitigation strategies that are inclusive of engineering, design, feasibility, and cost.
2. Coordinate with partner agencies, specifically dam owners and operators, to limit impacts to public infrastructure and the environment.
3. Continue to identify locations, potential impacts, and linkages among threats, hazards, vulnerability, and measures needed to protect life, safety, and health.
4. Reduce repetitive property losses from various hazards by determining and implementing hazard mitigation plans and projects based on available data and science that are consistent with state, regional, and local climate action and adaptation goals, policies, and programs.
5. Establish and maintain partnerships among all levels of government, the private sector, community-based organizations, and institutions of higher learning that improve the ability to protect life and property.
6. Reduce mitigation-related disparities among under-served and under-represented communities through plans, investments, and culturally competent outreach programs.
7. Continue providing City emergency services personnel with training, resources, and equipment to identify risks and address hazards.
8. Develop and provide updated information about threats, hazards, vulnerabilities, climate change, and mitigation strategies to local, state, and regional agencies, as well as private-sector and community group organizations.



9. Continue to determine financial and regulatory incentives to motivate stakeholders such as homeowners, private sector businesses, and community-based organizations to identify risks and mitigate hazards.
10. Ensure incorporation of hazard mitigation measures into repairs, major alterations, new development, and development practices, especially in socially vulnerable communities.
11. Integrate life and property protection measures for all communities, with particular attention to socially vulnerable communities that have fewer resources and capacity to adapt or strengthen structures and community lifelines (critical facilities located in hazard areas).
12. Where feasible, identify and implement nature-based mitigation strategies.

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City of Los Angeles 2023 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update STEERING COMMITTEE GROUND RULES

PURPOSE

As the title suggests, the role of the Steering Committee is to guide Los Angeles through the process of updating the City's previous hazard mitigation plan. This process will result in a plan that can be embraced both politically and by the constituency within the planning area. The Committee will provide guidance and leadership, oversee the planning process, and act as the point of contact for all stakeholders and the various interest groups in the planning area. The makeup of this Committee was selected to provide the best possible cross-section of views to enhance the planning effort and to help build support for hazard mitigation.

CHAIRPERSON

The Steering Committee selected Jon Brown to be chairperson. The role of a chair is to:

1. lead meetings so that agendas are followed, and meetings adjourn on time,
2. allow all members to be heard during discussions,
3. moderate discussions between members with differing points of view,
4. be a sounding board for staff in preparing agendas and how best to involve the full Committee in work plan tasks.

Travis Longcore was selected as vice chairperson to take the chair's role when the chair is not available.

The Committee adopted a rule requiring either the chair or vice chair to be present at any given meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Participation of all Committee members in meetings is important, and members should make every effort to attend each meeting. If Committee members cannot attend, they should inform staff before the meeting. If a member misses two meetings *without an explanation*, the Committee may choose to write a letter to the member to confirm interest and may ultimately seek to replace the member.

QUORUM

A minimum attendance at each meeting often is needed to ensure that the different viewpoints of Committee members are adequately represented. A quorum for this Committee will be met with 15 members of the Committee, including the chair or vice chairperson, that must be present.

ALTERNATES



A specific list of Committee members was selected for the Steering Committee. These members have made a commitment to attend the meetings and gain an understanding of the issues and each other's viewpoints needed to reach an agreement on plan recommendations. However, there may be circumstances when regular members cannot attend. Alternate members have been identified for active committee members, as needed, to address these circumstances. The Committee decided the role of alternates is fully interchangeable with that of regular Committee members. Alternates will be able to voice opinions and vote in the place of the absent committee member they represent.

DECISION-MAKING

As the Committee provides advice and guidance on the Plan, it will reach its recommendations through consensus. Consensus is defined as a recommendation that may not be ideal for each Committee member but that every member can live with (using the consensus continuum as a gauge). The Committee decided that consensus will be their preferred method of decision-making. However, if consensus cannot be reached on a given issue, voting will be used to reach a ruling. In either case, minority dissent will be recorded in the meeting summaries, and the Committee chooses to note such opinions in their final recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee's recommendations will be recorded in the meeting summaries and reflected in the Plan as appropriate. The Committee may also assist in presenting the Plan to the elected bodies of participating organizations.

SPOKESPERSONS

Ideally, the Committee will present a united recommendation after considering the different viewpoints of its members, recognizing that each member might have made a somewhat different recommendation as an individual. To consistently represent the Committee's united recommendations to participating organizations, the public, and the media, the Committee spokesperson will be the same as the Committee Chairperson. In addition, each member should be responsible for representing the Committee's recommendation when speaking on Plan-related issues as a Committee member. Any differing personal or organizational viewpoints should be clearly distinguished from the Committee's work. Finally, Committee members will need to help with presentations given to governing bodies, especially the governing body that a Committee member is affiliated with.

STAFFING

The Planning Team for this project includes appropriate personnel led by the Emergency Management Department, along with Tetra Tech, Inc. staff. The Planning Team will schedule meetings, distribute agendas, prepare information/presentations for Committee meetings, write meeting summaries, and generally seek to facilitate the Committee's activities.



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

As they conduct Committee work, members will seek to keep the public and the groups with which they are affiliated informed about the Plan. Committee meetings will be open to the public, and agendas and minutes will be posted on the project webpage. The preferred method of public input will be via written or emailed documents to staff or Committee members. However, comments will be taken at the beginning of meetings with a 3-minute limit per person. Public Outreach strategies will likely include social media and a website for the Plan update with a link to Steering Committee meetings, etc.

COURTESY

Committee members should treat each other respectfully, listen to each other, work cooperatively, and allow all members to voice their opinions.

MEETINGS

Meetings generally will be conducted virtually.

Organization	Member	Alternate
American Red Cross	Francisca Herrera, Disaster Cycle Services	None
Caltech	Dr. Monica Kohler, Research Professor of Mechanical and Civil Engineering	None
City of Los Angeles Community for Investment in Families	Ruth Rodrigues, Senior Management Analyst	None
City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety	Lisa Yancey, Chief Inspector	None
City of Los Angeles Department of Disability	Deisy Gonzalez, Emergency Management Coordinator I	None
City of Los Angeles Department of General Services	Howard Bein, Emergency Planning Unit	None
City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment	John Darnell, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate	None
City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Robert Kadomatsu, Chief Management Analysis Samson Wong, Civil Engineer Associate Raul Virgen, GIS Chief	None
City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks	RAP Duty Officer	None
City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation	Paul Weinberg, Emergency Management Coordinator I	Vilma Boada-Tellez, Emergency Management Coordinator I



City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power	Patrick Munongo , Emergency Management Coordinator I Yidnekachew Wubishet , Civil Engineer Associate Cliff Plumb , Engineering Geologist	None
City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department	Omari Battles , DAFN Principle Project Coordinator Jon Brown , Division Chief of Planning and Resilience Jillian De Vela , Emergency Management Coordinator Joseph Riser , Public Information Officer	None
City of Los Angeles Fire Department	Rico Gross , Captain	None
City of Los Angeles Housing Department	EJ Martinez , Emergency Management Coordinator	None
City of Los Angeles Information Technology Agency	Thanh Su , Management Analyst	None
City of Los Angeles Mayor’s Office	Jacquelyn Sandoval , Mayoral Aide	None
City of Los Angeles Planning Department	Ari Briski , City Planner	Marie Cobian , Senior City Planner Conni Pallini-Tipton , Senior Planner
City of Los Angeles Police Department	Hayley Smith , Lieutenant	Michael Boyle , Sergeant Richard Rogers , Officer
City of Los Angeles World Airports	Justin Pierce , Director of Emergency Management Division Zina Cheng , Grants & PFC Manager	None
Climate Emergency Mobilization Office	Marta Segura , Chief Heat Officer	None
Community Emergency Response Team	Chin Thammasaengri , CERT South Bureau & LAFD Dispatch	None
Emergency Network in Los Angeles	Rene Martin , Interim Program Director Kayla Kelly-Slatten , Program Director	Michael Flood
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce	Andrea Nunn , Senior VP, Entrepreneurship & Innovation	Peter Foo , VP of Entrepreneurship & Workforce Development
Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management	Sinan Khan , Associate Director	None
Los Angeles Unified School District	Jill Barnes , Administrator of Emergency Management	None
National Weather Service	Eric Boldt , Warning Coordination Meteorologist John Dumas , Science and Operations Officer	None
Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance	Commissioner Leonard Shaffer , Commissioner	None
Office of the City Administrative Officer	Mary Reuschel , Senior Administrative Analyst	None



Port of Los Angeles	Lynette Ursery , Emergency Management Coordinator I Jennifer Maradiaga-Contreras , Emergency Management Coordinator I	None
The Nature Conservancy	Kelsey Jessup , Urban Conservation Program Manager	Alysa Mann , Climate Resilience Project Director Deborah Glaser , Climate Resilient Communities Project Director
University of California, Los Angeles	Dr. Travis Longcore , Adjunct Professor	Sahar Derakhshan , Postdoctoral Research Fellow
University of Southern California Sea Grant Program	Karina Alvarez , Science, Research, and Policy Specialist	None
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Major Kevin Stucker , Operations Officer	None

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