



Crescenta Valley Water District

Steering Committee Meeting No. 2

Summary Notes

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Project M-1004

November 18, 2020 – 3:00 pm

Attendance:

Steering Committee (SC):

James Bodnar	CVWD, Board of Director
Sharon Raghavachary	CVWD, Board of Director
Brian Hodge	Crescenta Valley Fire Safe Council, President
Dave Weeshoff	San Fernando Valley Audubon Society
Doug Caister	La Cañada Irrigation District, General Manager
Harry Leon	Crescenta Valley Town Council, President
Ken Herman	FMWD, District Engineer
Michael De Ghetto	Glendale Water and Power, Assistant General Manager
Richard Ruyle	Glendale Water and Power, Water Services Administrator
Paul Dutton	Crescenta Valley Community Emergencies Response Team
Patrick DeChellis,	City of La Cañada Flintridge, Director of Public Works
	Alternate for Shahan Atmajian - LCF

Core Planning Team (CPT):

David Gould	CVWD, Director of Engineering
Brook Yared	CVWD, Senior Engineer
Nemesiano Ochoa	CVWD, General Manager
James Lee	CVWD, Director of Finance and Administration
Christy Colby	CVWD, Regulatory and Public Affairs Manager
Dennis Maxwell	CVWD, Director of Operations
Jennifer Bautista	CVWD, Intern
John Robinson	John Robinson Consulting, Inc.
Bart Spencer	Tetra Tech, Inc., Lead Project Planner
Rob Flaner	Tetra Tech, Inc., Project Manager
Des Alexander	Tetra Tech, Inc., Profiling Lead and Junior Planner

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1. Welcome and Introduction
 - i. Call to order – Sharon Raghavachary, Chair
 - ii. Group Introductions
 2. Planning Process
 - i. Approval of Steering Committee Meeting No.1 Summary Notes

Request for Motion

Ms. Raghavachary requested a motion from the SC to approve summary notes for Steering Committee Meeting No. 1

- Mr. Leon made a motion to approve summary notes for Steering Committee Meeting No. 1
- Mr. Dutton second the motion
- Steering Committee – Approved – 10-0

- Abstained – Mr. DeChellis
- ii. Discussion of Goals for LHMP
 - a. Requested to change La Canada to La Cañada Flintridge

Request for Motion

Ms. Raghavachary requested a motion from the SC to approve the seven (7) goals set for the District's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Mr. Leon made a motion to approve the seven (7) goals
- Mr. Hodge second the motion
- Steering Committee - Approved – 10-0 with Pat DeChellis abstaining
- Abstained – Mr. DeChellis
 - Mr. Atmajian has no comment

Request for Motion

Ms. Raghavachary requested a motion to amend the approved goals and present the goals for approval at the third Steering Committee meeting in December.

Mr. Gould, Ms. Raghavachary, and Mr. Leon will work together on editing goals 4 and 5. Draft goal - “facilitate partnerships with identified stakeholders and implement a coordination plan between identified stakeholders”.

- Mr. Hodge made a motion to amend the approved goals to bring back the goals in December for approval
- Mr. Dutton second the motion
- Steering Committee - Approved 11-0

- iii. Objectives Preview – Objectives should be separate from goals, are not a subset of goals, and should meet multiple action items for the LHMP.
 - a. Mr. De Ghetto recommended adding the word “about” to Objective 4.
 - b. Mr. Gould and Mr. Weeshoff will work together to revise Objective 7 as it relates to natural ecosystems. It was noted that FEMA may provide grant funds for nature-based solutions, such as capturing stormwater for the purposes of groundwater recharge.
 - c. Mr. Gould will email the Steering Committee the PowerPoint presentation for the stormwater capture project as a guide for revising Objective 7.
 - d. Mr. DeChellis recommended we add “human caused events” to Objective 1.
 - e. Mr. Dutton can utilize his expertise in emergency planning and will email idea to Mr. Gould for further discussion.

3. Hazards of Concern

- i. Review from State of California Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - a. Mr. De Ghetto brought up the subject of climate change. Mr. Spencer noted that climate change will not be treated as a hazard profile as part of the LHMP. Climate change will be included in the LHMP as a discussion for potential future impacts due to climate change and its increased risk with respect to droughts and wildfires.
 - b. Ms. Raghavachary brought up the subject of energy shortages. Mr. Spencer advised the Steering Committee that energy shortage is considered a preparedness activity, not a mitigation activity. However, Mr. Flaner advised the Steering Committee that FEMA will fund emergency generators under power outages as a secondary impact to natural hazards.
 - c. Mr. Spencer indicated that each natural hazard profile will also address secondary impacts.
 - d. Mr. Spencer indicated that a pandemic will be profiled as the other hazards category.
 - e. Mr. Spencer discussed that human caused hazards such as terrorism, cyber terrorism, and civil unrest are treated as non-natural hazards events. Also, may not be eligible to receive mitigation funding. The subject of human caused hazards could be added to the LHMP, and would not be identified as a specific hazard profile. Human caused hazards will be discussed in a separate section and included at the end of the LHMP.

- f. The group discussed America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) which requires water agency such as CVWD to prepare a Risk and Resilience Assessment (RRA). CVWD is currently working on the RRA with FMWD and human caused hazards will be included in the RRA.
- ii. Review and accept specific hazards to be include in the District's LHMP
 - a. Mr. Dutton recommends adding debris flow to the landslide category.
 - b. Mr. Spencer indicated that drought events will be a standalone hazard due to its effect on CVWD's groundwater basin within the LHMP.

Request for Motion

Ms. Raghavachary requested a motion from the SC to approve the following hazards: Earthquake, Severe Weather, Landslides and Debris Flow, Wildfire, Flood, Dam Failure, and Drought.

- Mr. Hodge has made a motion to approve the specific hazards listed above.
 - Mr. Leon second the motion
 - Steering Committee - Approved 11-0
- iii. Critical Facilities (aka Lifelines) – FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Community Lifelines grant programs requires CVWD to identify its specific critical facilities in order to provide mitigation funding.
 FEMA's Community Lifelines are set up such that an agency like CVWD can provide continuous operation of critical government and business functions and is essential to human health and safety or economic security. There are seven (7) categories of lifelines which include Safety and Security, Food, Water, Shelter, Health and Medical, Energy, Communications, Transportation, and Hazardous Materials.
 - a. A hazardous material release such as a chemical release, falls into the categories for Community Lifelines.
 - b. Mr. Gould and Mr. Brook provided Ms. Baumann with the data for CVWD's critical facilities. Critical facilities will be listed, however the specific locations will not be shown.
 - c. CVWD's wells, pumps, pipelines, reservoirs, treatment plant, main office building, and other facilities that house CVWD employees are all considered critical assets that provide water and sewer service to CVWD customers.
 - d. CVWD has a number of pipeline crossings that cross existing concrete or natural drainage channels that are critical to CVWD's operations.

4. Public Outreach Strategy

- i. Release of a press release tentatively scheduled for the first or second week of December to announce the commencement of the LHMP and the process. The press release will be submitted to Ms. Raghavachary for review before making it available to the public via CVWD's website and the local newspaper.
- ii. CVWD's LHMP web page has been updated with the latest information on LHMP, Steering Committee summary notes, and agendas.
- iii. Additional Public Outreach Capabilities – FEMA and Cal OES recommend including a discussion on the process of engaging the public.
 - a. Website – Section for public commenting has been added to the LHMP website page
 - b. Public Comment Survey on Hazards – A survey will be sent out in a mass email on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 to the public. The Steering Committee will also be included in the survey request email.
 - c. Comments from the Steering Committee on the hazard survey
 - Crescenta Valley Fire Safe Council to be added to questions 7 and 10 of the survey.
 - Smartphone applications will be included in the "other" section of question 7 of the survey as a way of providing education on emergency preparedness

- Question 10 to be updated to see how customers would expect to be notified in case of an immediate threat caused by a local hazard.
- Mr. Dutton suggested adding Red Cross to question 10 for how customers would expect to be notified in case of an immediate threat caused by a local hazard.
- d. Press/Media – Notification in local newspaper
- e. Social Media – Ms. Colby will promote the LHMP on social media such as Facebook and CVWD's website.

5. Committee Member's Request for Future Agenda Items

6. Next Steering Committee Meeting – December 16, 2020

- i. Goals and objectives to be finalized.

7. Adjournment

Request for Motion

- Ms. Raghavachary requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Steering Committee – Approved 11-0.

-End 4:26 pm-