

Local Mitigation Strategy  
LMS Work Group / Strategy Task Force  
**September 2, 2010**

Attendance:

Bruce Gillingham (HSFD)\*  
Enid Ehrbar (ACPS/EM)  
David Donnelly (ACPS/EM)\*  
Danielle Judd (City of Alachua)\*  
Diane Morgan (City of Alachua)  
Charles Griggs (Santa Fe College)\*  
Kathleen Pagan (ACGM) \*  
Kenneth Allen (U of F) \*  
Ludie Bond (DOF)  
Michael Fay (ACPW) \*

**\* - voting members (primary and/or alternate)**

- I. Welcome
- II. Captain Bruce Gillingham, LMS Chair called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.
- III. Approval of meeting minutes from June. They were read and approved with minor modifications for spelling and wording.

Minutes: motion – Danielle Judd, second – Charles Griggs

- IV. Enid Ehrbar gave a briefing on the status of the review of the LMS and where we stood regarding the approval. The LMS has been approved by FEMA pending adoption. The LMS needs to be formally approved by the Board of County Commissioners and the signed resolution needs to be forwarded to the State and FEMA. The LMS was scheduled for commission approval August 24<sup>th</sup>, but because of various issues was not put on the agenda, but will be on the September 14, 2010 agenda as a consent item. Once it is approved the signed resolution and the minutes need to be forwarded as part of the final package. Then we will receive the final approval of the LMS from FEMA. All of the Cities that have participated in the LMS need to also adopt the LMS.
- V. There was discussion at this point regarding the adoption of the LMS by the participating Cities. High Springs and Alachua representatives suggested all the Cities work to adopt the LMS in October. That way they could bring the adopted resolutions to the November LMS meeting and they could then be sent to the State and FEMA. There was discussion that the next LMS meeting should be held early in November, perhaps November 4<sup>th</sup>. Danielle Judd asked about receiving a copy of the LMS. Enid stated that she would send a

copy on CD to each voting member group. The document is large and probably cannot be e-mailed. Michael Fay suggested we put it on WebEoc. Enid said she would check into that, if so, it would be in the file library on WebEoc. She stated she would still send a CD to those who wanted it. Enid also said she would send everyone a copy of the county resolution and the background information so they could use that for their adoption documents if they liked.

VI. The next item was a report by Ludie Bond on the Wildfire Mitigation subcommittee. The committee is reviewing the 3 wildfire projects on the current LMS projects list to determine if these projects could be completed, where still valid, or needed replacing. The subcommittee was also reviewing and updating their mission statement in order to have more action oriented items. The state is also ranking all the counties in the state as it relates to the fire risk in the County. They are doing Comprehensive Wildfire Protection Plans for the County's that are ranked most at risk. Currently they are doing the first 10 counties most at risk, as plans are done, the other counties will also have plans done as they move up on the ranking. Alachua County is ranked 29<sup>th</sup>. Ranking is done based on criteria such as fire occurrence, causes, vegetation type, available response capabilities (paid fire dept.), Critical facilities present, utilities corridors, etc. The question was asked when will Alachua County move up on the list. The best guess was about 2-3 years. Ludie also stated that DOF had a grant to do Firewise workshops tailored for community decision makers and was wondering if the LMS Work Group would be interested in a presentation by their consultant, The Pantheon Group. There was positive reaction with Danielle Judd stating that the City of Alachua had recently hired this company to do work related to the San Felasco area and they were please with the product. The Chairman suggested this might make be a good program for the meeting in January. Ludie thought that was doable.

VII. New Business:  
Enid stated that she had a list of voting members and alternates she was handing out. Please check the list and update it if need be, e-mail her any additions or changes and she would update the list. Be sure the primary and alternate voting members were current. Danielle Judd introduced Diane Morgan from her office and stated Diane would be added as an alternate for the City of Alachua. Everyone introduced themselves.

Bruce Gillingham asked if there was any other business, and hearing none, called for the meeting to adjourn at 10:45 am.