

Adaptation Planning Kick-Off
December 13, 2018
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Kanesha Pompey (Carson), Max Castillo (Carson), Randal Collins (El Segundo), Paul Samaras (El Segundo), Erica Martin Weinstein (El Segundo), Alejandra Orovco (Gardena), Vicente Osorio (Gardena), Doug Krauss (Hawthorne), Dana Murray (Manhattan Beach), Octavio Silva (Rancho Palos Verdes), Jeffrey Graham (Palos Verdes Estates), Julia Steward (Rolling Hills), Jeannie Naughton (Rolling Hills Estates), Nina Lang (Torrance), Kim Fuentes (SBCCOG), Carolyn Yvellez (SBCCOG)

Cities Represented: Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance

OPR requires cities' mitigation plans be compliant with SB 379, are they up-to-date?

MB – If not compliant with SB 379, could halt disaster funding

ES – May 2017 Emergency Mitigation plan enacted; will be reviewed to be SB 379 compliant

H – Just did mitigation plan a couple years back, not sure if it is SB 379 compliant

C – Don't know when plan was last updated, not sure if it is SB 379 compliant

G – Plan updated in 2014; to be reviewed soon to address SB 379 compliant

PVE – Not sure

RH – plan is with FEMA, looking to update safety elements to address SB 379 compliance

RPV – Not sure

T – Not sure

RPV – Not sure

RHE – Not sure

Adaptation Plan questions/input

ES – Will Adaptation Plan be formatted like CAP?

Similar to the CAP process, the COG will work with cities to determine what adaptive strategies they would like to pursue from a matrix of possible strategies. The COG will recommend strategies based on the results of the vulnerability assessment

RH – Is COG developing individual documents for cities (not just sub-regional one)?

The COG hopes to develop city-specific vulnerability assessments that will be attached as appendices to the sub-regional adaptation plan. This will include the mapping of critical facilities and vulnerable populations overlaid with climate hazard layers. The COG is prioritizing the development of a comprehensive vulnerability assessment that will place cities in a good position to continue adaptation planning in the future. Cities will be able to choose city-specific as well as sub-regional adaptive strategies.

MB – LCP funding available to incorporate into Adaptation Plan; Regional Resilience Hubs (identified via City of LA contact) can dovetail with this work

ES – Is "Tree Canopy" an adaptation strategy? *Tree People can help implement this strategy*

Yes, adding to the urban tree canopy can mitigate the impacts of extreme heat on communities.

MB – City just got a Coastal Commission grant to assess stormwater drainage issues impacting infrastructure (2 years off); groundwater/saltwater intrusion studies are also planned

MB – Redondo Beach most impacted by sea level rise (compared to other South Bay coastal cities); tourism impacted would include restaurants, piers, resorts

ES – No longer having access to a beach changes the dynamic of residential population (i.e. community values); rising sea surface temperatures are a concern regarding extreme weather events (e.g. typhoons, cyclones, etc.) in the near future (20-30 years)

MB – Biodiversity index from Natural History Museum may be a good resource to address “Urbanization” (i.e. open spaces) on South Bay sectors list

ES – Social aspect is missing from South Bay sectors list; public education should be addressed to inform the behavioral responsibility

MB – Community workshops to address material in Adaptation Plan would be helpful to educate the public

T – City Council would be more comfortable approving Adaptation Plan if it was taken to Environmental Commission prior

ES – City council would be more comfortable approving Adaptation Plan if it was taken to Planning Commission prior

ES – Cities should consider posting updates/drafts of Adaptation Plan on their websites seeking public input/feedback

Carson – Cross-commission collaboration between the cities (e.g. hosting joint meetings) could consolidate efforts for eliciting public feedback on the Adaptation Plan

MB – Can SBCCOG share the results of vulnerability assessment with the Cities?

Yes, the COG’s goal is to have a draft vulnerability assessment for cities to review by March. We will update cities if this timeline changes.

ES – Regarding the files for Adaptation Plan, SBCCOG should provide a standard way to share information/files among all SBCCOG working groups and Cities