

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2013

Present: See attached Sign-in Sheet. NEFRC or RCI Staff: Brian Teeple, Eric

Anderson, Michael Epstein, Carolyn Bissonnette

Next meeting: March 20, 2013, 2:30 pm, NEFRC

Future meetings, if required: April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, Sept. 18

I. Announcements

- A. The Mapping Approach Example was moved up to before the NERR Project Presentation to accommodate Dr. Lambert's participation.
- B. January 16, 2013 Minutes were reviewed and approved.
- C. Outline of Committee Deliverables: The Committee discussed as deliverables, (a) Summary: Information considered in deciding on assumptions, (b) Summary: Community Resiliency Assessments, and (c) Policy Recommendations.

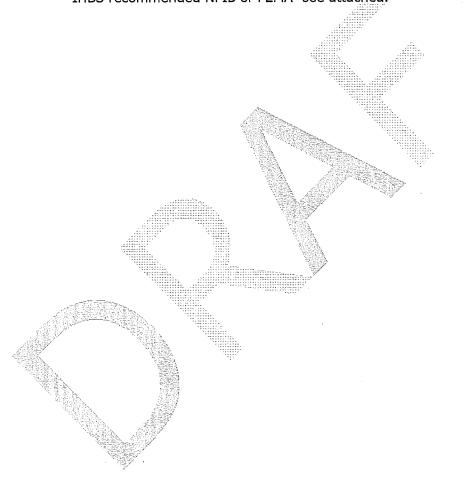
II. Meeting Summary

- A. Regional map example provided scenarios at 1', 3', and 6' sea level rise based on data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) with regional assets discussed at the January 16, 2013 meeting. Discussion followed. The need for input from the insurance industry was again brought up.
- B. Presentation: Emily Montgomery, Coastal Training Coordinator for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Resources Reserve. Presentation will be provided by Ms. Montgomery for posting.
 - Ms. Montgomery discussed the activities, assumptions, and decisions made in this project. She noted that efforts are being made to align the Matanzas Basin project with RCI committee activities, so that all are clear about both the difference and the collaboration between them. Ms. Montgomery described the way the GTM NERR came up with their mapping assumptions. She provided an overview of outreach to community stakeholders on the project so far. All of the information from the study can be found at www.planningmatanzas.org.
- C. Review of work to date:
 - i. Decision 1/16/13 We are vulnerable to sea level rise.
- D. Assumptions for level of rise and timeframe: A motion was made by Allen Tilley and seconded by Emily Montgomery to agree to use the Army Corp. of Engineer's guidance as the basis for the assumptions. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Landers will provide updated sea level rise projections for the Northeast Florida region at the March meeting. Only minor variations from what was provided to the committee at the January meeting are anticipated.

- E. March 20, 2013 Presentation and Discussion Items
 - i. Presentation from JEA: Overview of how water and sewer systems work
 - i. Discussion Items: Community Resiliency Assessment tool, outreach to local governments, committee role, staffing
 - ii. Revised regional map examples based on committee decision to use USACE guidance
- F. Follow up item: Insurance Industry Representative Someone recommended we try the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety for a speaker. They are based out of Tampa. http://www.disastersafety.org/ NOTE: As of March 5, 2013, IHBS recommended NFIB or FEMA- see attached.



Moehring, Margo

From:

Harvey, Michelle <mharvey@ibhs.org>

Sent:

Tuesday, March 05, 2013 10:15 AM

To:

Moehring, Margo

Subject:

FW: Insurance and Sea Level Rise in Northeast Florida

Thank you for reaching out to IBHS. Unfortunately, we do not know of anyone who would be a good fit for your Committee. Since sea level rise is largely a flood-related risk, you may want to contact the National Flood Insurance Program, or a Federal Emergency Management Agency regional officer – because flood risk essentially falls under their auspices.

From: IBHS Information Department **Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2013 2:42 PM

To: Harvey, Michelle

Subject: FW: Insurance and Sea Level Rise in Northeast Florida

From: Moehring, Margo [mailto:mmoehring@nefrc.org]

Sent: Friday, March 01, 2013 5:44 PM **To:** IBHS Information Department

Subject: Insurance and Sea Level Rise in Northeast Florida

Dear Ms. Rochman,

I wonder if you can help me identify someone from the insurance industry who could work with a group in Northeast Florida that is considering sea level rise?

Here is a little background. The Regional Community Institute's First Coast Vision (October, 2011) is a 50 year vision for growth and development in the seven county Northeast Florida region. First Coast Vision was requested by the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) so that it could be considered as the regional plan is updated. One of the purposes of the non-profit Regional Community Institute is to consider policy issues and make recommendations to NEFRC. Its members are graduates of the Regional Leadership Academy and members, or former members, of the NEFRC.

One of the action items included in the vision was the need to bring together leadership and experts from the region to determine climate change impacts, and if indicated, mitigation and adaptation plans. In early 2012, NEFRC posted a request for information and positions on climate change in the region. The bulk of the responses received were related to sea level rise. In August, 2012, NEFRC asked the Regional Community Institute (RCI) to take up sea level rise in Northeast Florida as its next topic for review and policy recommendations. RCI accepted the challenge, referred the issue to its Emergency Preparedness Committee and began planning in September, 2012.

The Committee will consider the potential for sea level rise in Northeast Florida. This will entail deciding if we are vulnerable to sea level rise, and if we are, making assumptions on level of rise and planning timeframe. These assumptions will be used by staff and interested committee members as they work with waterfront local governments (on the coast, the river, or other water bodies) on community resiliency assessments. The results of the assessments will be shared with the committee, who will consider them as they make policy recommendations by September 2013 to

be provided to the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC). The Committee's work will probably be completed at that time.

The Committee has wide representation from many industry sectors and all parts of Northeast Florida. We have not been successful, however, in finding someone in the insurance industry who has an interest in this topic. We hope an insurance representative would be willing to join the Committee, which meets the third Wednesday of each month at the offices of the Northeast Florida Regional Council at 6850 Belfort Oaks Place in Jacksonville at 2:30pm. If that is not possible, we would be very interested in a presentation from an insurance representative before the Committee completes its work in September 2013 on how the industry is viewing sea level rise.

I would be happy to answer any questions you have or to follow up with anyone you think might be interested, and I appreciate any help, advice or referral you can provide. Thanks for your consideration.

Best,

Margo

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