



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

***AUGUST 21, 2013***

*Present:* Members: Brown, Fleet, Kershner, Landers, Mikalsen, Page, Sample, Tilley, Weise, Young. NEFRC or RCI Staff: Moehring, Teeple, Epstein

*Next meeting:* None

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### **A. Announcements**

None

### **B. Meeting Summary**

1. The minutes of the July 17, 2013 meeting were accepted by general consensus of committee members.
2. **Community Resiliency Assessments Update** – The plan is to have the assessments for St. Johns County and Palm Coast done by the end of August. While maps and results will be provided to the communities, neither the assessment maps nor quantitative results will be in the final report, only observations.
3. **Draft Report Review** - Margo Moehring reviewed the committee compilation document, designed to capture all committee work without eliminating any ideas. For this reason, the report is presented as a compilation of policy recommendations for consideration by planners and local governments as they consider sea level rise. In addition to a format change to a compilation, the following changes were made since the last draft:
  - There were comments that the report was focused too much on Jacksonville, so some detail was removed where regional detail was not available.
  - A 6" inch rise scenario was added to the report. A SE Florida study found that 50% of drainage infrastructure would be compromised by a 6 inch sea level rise, so our region should consider that level to ensure that our infrastructure is resilient and so we can be prepared for the impact to NE Florida as things change in SE Florida.
  - The group suggested that 2 feet of rise should be included with maps to be provide through the clearinghouse.
  - It was agreed that people who never came to any meetings would be taken off the list of participants, but that those who volunteered and helped should be added, if they are agreeable.
  - Margo was asked to update the participant list and affiliations.

- The references appendix was removed in favor of the clearinghouse.

4. **The Recommended Regional Action Plan and Draft Presentation for August 23<sup>rd</sup> Environmental Symposium** - Margo went over the draft presentation which was proposed for the Jacksonville Environmental Symposium on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The presentation was titled "Dipping Our Toes into Rising Waters", and contained the overview of the Regional Action Plan.

It was suggested that the group look at the new data that NOAA has published which has higher Sea Level Rise by 2100 and consider a fourth curve. As this had not been part of committee deliberations, it was thought appropriate for the clearinghouse.

The maps in the presentation (there are no maps in the Action Plan) include regional resources with 1', 3' and 6' of sea level rise. A suggestion was made that we zoom in on Duval County on the maps at the Symposium, but this was not supported by the group.

It was suggested that a Risk Management person serve on the P2R2 committee and this will be added to both reports. Someone from the Silverjackets group could be the risk management person.

5. **Transition to Implementation** – The job descriptions that might be used for UNF students was reviewed, along with other details of action item implementation. It was recommended that resiliency assessments continue if there is interest, and noted that, while a good action item, for some communities the CRS designation might create very minimal savings.

RCI Chair Page, who ran the meeting, noted that he and Committee Chair Reed would present the reports to the RCI Board on September 23. The press release will go out in October and will highlight both the report and the October 28, 2013 workshop. Chair Page thanked the Committee for their hard work, and asked Margo to keep all posted on progress.

### **C. No further meetings are planned**