



**RICHLAND COUNTY BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE**  
**JUNE 9, 2016**  
**2:00 PM**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Chair      | Torrey Rush            |
| Vice Chair | Greg Pearce            |
| Member     | Mark Huguley           |
| Member     | Erich Miarka           |
| Member     | John Grego             |
| Member     | Malcolm Gordge         |
| Member     | Ben Duncon             |
| Member     | Rachel Larratt         |
| Member     | Carol Roberts          |
| Member     | Tanya Rodriguez-Hodges |
| Member     | Mac Bennett            |

**OTHERS PRESENT** – Kevin Bronson, Andrea Bolling, Quinton Epps, Mike King, Beverly Harris, Ismail Ozbek, Michelle Onley, Synithia Williams, Tony McDonald, Eva Prioleau, Valeria Jackson, Warren Harley, and Dwight Hanna

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Bronson stated the County has received the Federal Register and a copy has been provided to the committee members. There will likely be a need for additional meetings.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR HMGP  
 ELIGIBLE PROJECTS FOR FULL APPLICATION**

| Title   | Description  |
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| Danbury Drive Stabilization   | Increase capacity of the regional detention pond to handle the flows in the neighborhood   |
| Spring Valley Little Jackson Creek Stream Mitigation, Stream Restoration Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance | Stabilize and improve the railroad ditch line using regenerative stormwater conveyance to mitigate localized flooding.   |
| Cary Lake Dam Hazard Mitigation   | The Gills Creek Watershed Association in partnership with the Cary Lake Homeowners Association, proposes to strengthen and enhance the Cary Lake Dam by armoring the earthen portion of the dam. |

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| Spring Lake Dam Hazard Mitigation                               | The Gills Creek Watershed Association in partnership with the Spring Lake Company, proposes to strengthen and enhance the Spring Lake Dam by installing a specialized turf reinforcement mat (TRM) and vegetation across the dam. |
| Acquisition of Demo (NON_RES_ACQ_001)                           | Acquire and demo nine non-residential structures that are located in the floodway and were substantially damaged.   |
| Acquisition of Demo (NON_RES_ACQ_002)                           | Acquire and demo six non-residential structures that are located in the floodway and were substantially damaged.  |
| Acquisition of Demo (RES_ACQ_002)                               | Acquire and demo eight homes that are clustered together, located in the special flood hazard area (floodway and flood fringe) and were substantially damaged.  |
| Acquisition of Demo (RES_ACQ_001)                               | Acquire and demo seventeen homes that are clustered together, located in the special flood hazard area (floodway and flood fringe) and were substantially damaged.  |
| Acquisition of Demo (RES_ACQ_003)                               | Acquire and demo twenty-two homes that are clustered together, located in the special flood hazard area (floodway and flood fringe) and were substantially damaged.   |
| Acquisition of Demo (RES_ACQ_004)                               | Acquire and demo sixteen homes located in the special flood hazard area (floodway and flood fringe) that were substantially damaged.  |
| Public Awareness Campaign – Reaching the Digitally Disconnected | Richland County is proposing a project to get the word out to the “digitally disconnected”  |
| Culvert Improvements  | Richland County conducted an extensive study of the culverts in the county and identified nine culverts that need to be increased in size to mitigate similar damages from future flooding incidents                              |
| Eastover Storm Water Drainage Channel Improvement               | There are chronic flooding that impact various areas of the Town of Eastover  |
| Storm Water Drainage Channel Improvement—Lower Richland County  | There are three areas of chronic flooding in unincorporated Lower Richland County. This project will mitigate flooding, and improve drainage.   |
| Lake Dogwood (AKA Murry Pond) Dam Armoring                      | The Lake Dogwood Property Owners Association proposes to strengthen and enhance the Lake Dogwood Dam by installing a specialized turf reinforcement mat (TRM)   |
| Piney Grove Wynn Way Detention Pond                             | Create a storm water dry detention basin for the Stoop Creek watershed.   |
| Brookgreen Detention Pond                                       | Create a storm water dry detention BMP for the Stoop Creek watershed.   |

- FEMA does not believe the County would have future obligation if the funds are used for dam armoring; however, FEMA’s opinion is not the definitive answer.
- The Attorney General’s opinion has been requested.

Mr. Pearce expressed concern about applying for federal funds for the dams when there are a series of referendums lined up. Additionally, Lake Elizabeth is not addressed at all and there is a major highway running over it.

Mr. Bronson stated the funds being applied for are to armor or strengthen dams and not to repair dams.

Mr. Pearce stated there is currently not a dam at Cary Lake; therefore, how can it be fortified?

Staff responded that once the Cary Lake Dam has been repaired by the HOA the dam will be armored to make it more resilient.

The committee voted unanimously to move forward as outlined above.

Mr. Huguley moved, seconded by Mr. Miarka, to direct staff, after reviewing the Federal Register, to evaluate if there is a way to reach out to all HOAs on the issue of dam armoring.

Mr. Huguley amended his motion to allow staff to approach SCEMD to inquire about adding other dam armoring projects.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

## **PREVIEW CDBG-DR DRAFT OUTLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 – Purpose and Authorization of the CDBG-DR Action Plan**

#### **1.2 – Planning & Coordination**

##### **1.2.1: CDBG-DR Action Plan Process**

##### **1.2.2: Promotion of Long Term Recovery Planning**

##### **1.2.3: Planning Coordination and Consistency**

### **SECTION 2: DAMAGE AND UNMET NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

#### **2.1 – Summary of Storm Impacts**

#### **2.2 – Summary of Current Recovery Efforts and Assistance**

##### **2.2.1: Completed and Ongoing Recovery Efforts**

##### **2.2.2: Assistance Received or Expected**

#### **2.3 – Unmet Needs Assessment**

##### **2.3.1: Housing**

##### **2.3.2: Infrastructure**

##### **2.3.3: Economic Development**

##### **2.3.4: Unmet Need Summary**

### **SECTION 3: RECOVERY PROGRAMS AND PROJECT**

#### **3.1 – Vision and Goals**

##### **3.1.1: Vision**

##### **3.1.2: Goals**

#### **3.2 – Programs, Projects and Implementation**

- 3.2.1: Connecting Needs with Funding Allocations
- 3.2.2: Program and Project Details

SECTION 4: PROCEDURES, MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT

4.1 – Compliance Management

- 4.1.1: Monitoring Standards and Procedures
- 4.1.2: Procedures to Detect, & Prevent Fraud, Abuse, & Mismanagement

- Need for additional staff to assist with procurement of services, financial services and public information services.
- Approximately \$1 million is allowed for administrative costs.

4.2 – Capacity for Implementation and Compliance

- 4.2.1: Internal Controls
- 4.2.2: Housing Provision and Displacement
- 4.2.3: Program Income

4.3 – Recovery Commitments

- 4.3.1: Leverage of Funds
- 4.3.2: Protection of People and Property
- 4.3.3: Public Housing, HUD-assisted Housing, and Housing for the Homeless
- 4.3.4: Disaster-Resistant Housing
- 4.3.5: Minimizing and Addressing Displacement
- 4.3.6: Construction Methods and Standards
- 4.3.7: Necessary and Reasonable Costs

4.4 – Documentation

- 4.4.1: Application Documents
- 4.4.2: Procurement Procedures
- 4.4.3: Program Changes through Contract Amendments and Change Orders
- 4.4.4: Reporting
- 4.4.5: Citizen Complaints
- 4.4.6: Permitting and Approvals

4.5 – Duplication of Benefit Procedure

4.6 – Performance

4.7 – Plan Clarity and Citizen Participation

4.8 – Substantial Amendment

SECTION 5: CERTIFICATIONS

### **PROJECT LIST INPUT**

- Stream restoration was adopted as a project category/priority for the CDBG-DR funds.
- Security of property that is uninhabitable.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:58 p.m.