

Action Summary



LWI Region 5 Steering Committee CRS & Floodplain Management

10am to 12pm, Thursday, September 17, 2020
Rosa Parks Transportation Center
Multipurpose Room 116
101 Jefferson Street, Lafayette, LA 70501



AGENDA, NOTES AND DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
WELCOME & PURPOSE	<p>Ms. Stephanie Weeks of Lafayette Consolidated Government called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. She welcomed everyone in attendance both in person and virtually via Zoom and Facebook Live at facebook.com/AcadianaPlanningCommission. The meeting was made available to the public via live stream on Facebook Live. The recording of the full meeting is available at planacadiana.org/watershed. Agendas are available at the room's entrance and were made available through email and online at planacadiana.org.</p> <p>"For our records to reflect your attendance please sign-in at the table or drop a message in the chat box listing your name and affiliation.</p> <p>The purpose of this public meeting is to consider items established by the agenda. Public input is welcome on these items. For members of the public participating online, please submit your comments and questions in the chat box. Comments/questions will be read aloud during the public comment period."</p>
COMMITTEE ROLL CALL AND PUBLIC INTRODUCTIONS	<p>Ms. Kelia Bingham of Acadiana Planning Commission called roll for the CRS & Floodplain Management members' attendance.</p>
APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY	<p>A motion was made by Mr. Ralph Libersat and seconded by Mr. Karl Aucoin to approve the Action Summary from the July 16, 2020 CRS and Floodplain Management Subcommittee Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. No comments or changes were indicated. The action item was approved by consensus.</p> <p><i>VOTE: 3-0-1-2;</i> <i>Yea – 3;</i> <i>Nay – 0;</i> <i>Abstain due to virtual attendance –1;</i> <i>Absent – 2;</i></p>

<p>REGION 5 WATERSHED DATA MAP</p>	<p>Ms. Kelia Bingham opened the discussion of adding data sets to the existing working watershed data (static) map. Ms. Rachel Godeaux explained that the purpose is to compile a comprehensive assessment of what exists in the region to make decisions that inform the flood risk profile that could potentially lead to a regional plan for emergency operations. This data may also be useful for the gauge network project and modeling effort program. The goal is to develop a repository of data sets for watershed planning efforts. This data can be a potential tool for local drainage officials. Quality control of data and attribute points of data are needed.</p>
<p>EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN</p>	<p>Ms. Stephanie Weeks began the discussion to identify flood preparation individuals in the region. The committee also added that the owner of water control structures could also be identified as part of an emergency operations plan. The first step would be to compile a list of Region 4 floodplain managers/coordinators. The emergency operations plan could be incorporated into a hazard mitigation plan, which is required to be eligible for FEMA funding. The region (future watershed coalition) could apply for FEMA funding for large scale drainage projects.</p>
<p>CRS</p>	<p>Ms. Stephanie weeks spoke of the Community Rating System (CRS) developed by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to incentive communities to be eligible for discounts for flood insurance policy premiums. Main tools that helped the City of Lafayette with discounts were public outreach and map of a drainage maintenance program. A map of CRS programs in Louisiana was shown and a video of the benefits of a CRS program was shared. A Region 5 goal is to develop a regional CRS user group. This can also be incorporated into the Governance & Long-Term Sustainability Sub-Committee. There are three pre-requisites to begin a CRS program, 1) a community must be in good standing with the NFIP, 2) a community must collect FEMA elevation certificates, and 3) the community must be knowledgeable of repetitive loss areas. There is a need to understand who is currently doing the work, understand the impediments and challenges, and then develop best practices to implement and consider a regional CRS user group. A template presentation could be created to present to local governments the benefits of a CRS system.</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>Mr. Dave Dixon stated that he put together a team over two years ago to coordinate the different entities that have water controls in the Teche-Vermilion watershed. There was an effort to formalize this plan prior to COVID-19. A goal of this plan is to add the remaining watersheds for Region 5. Mr. Dixon will be asking for information from other parishes in Region 5. He is willing to share this plan with the committee and will do so via email through Ms. Kelia Bingham.</p>
<p>MEETING SCHEDULE</p>	<p>Next meeting, Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 10am</p>
<p>MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES</p>	<p>Region 5 Steering Committee Meeting, October 22, 2020, at 10am</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>A motion was made by Mr. Ralph Libersat and seconded by Mr. Karl Aucoin to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.</p>

MEETING DETAILS	
CONTACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Godeaux, APC Meeting Facilitator, (337) 806-9373 • Kelia Bingham, APC Meeting Facilitator, (337) 446-0807
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ATTENDANCE RECORD	
ATTENDEES	<p><u>Delegates Present:</u> Lafayette - Stephanie Weeks St. Landry - Karl Aucoin Vermilion – Ralph Libersat</p> <p><u>Delegates Present Virtually via Zoom</u> Calcasieu - Terry Frelot</p> <p><u>Primary Delegates Absent:</u> Pointe Coupee - Mark Ward Allen - Gardner Rose</p>