RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 078

A Resolution of
the Board of County Commissioners
of Indian River County, Florida,
for Approval of the 2015
Revised Indian River County
Unified Local Mitigation Strategy

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2010, Indian River County's updated Unified Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) was adopted by Resolution No. 2010-059; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency requires that all Hazard Mitigation plans must be reviewed and updated as appropriate, and resubmitted to FEMA for approval within five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, FEMA staff has reviewed and approved Indian River County's hazard mitigation plan and determined that it is compliant with federal standards and is now ready for approval by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, that:

1. The updated Unified Local Mitigation Strategy (a copy of which is located in the Clerk to the Board’s Office) is hereby adopted as the official document for inclusion in the State-wide Hazard Mitigation Strategy.

2. The 2015 Revised Indian River County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Plan will be forwarded to each municipality for their formal approval.

The Resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Flescher. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Bryan, and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman           Wesley S. Davis           Aye
Vice-Chairman       Bob Solari               Aye
Commissioner        Tim Zorc                 Aye
Commissioner        Peter D. O'Bryan         Aye
Commissioner        Joseph E. Flescher       Aye

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of July, 2015.

Attest: Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk and Comptroller

By: Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Wesley S. Davis, Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
June 22, 2015

Mr. John King  
Local Mitigation Strategy Chair  
4225 43rd Avenue  
Vero Beach, Florida 32967

Re: Indian River County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved Pending Adoption

Dear Mr. King:

This is to confirm that we have completed a State review of the Indian River County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) update for compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards contained in 44 CFR 201/6(b)-(d). Based on our review and comments, Indian River County developed and submitted all the necessary plan revisions and our staff has reviewed and approved these revisions. We have determined that the Indian River County LMS plan is compliant with federal standards, subject to formal community adoption, for the jurisdictions below:

- Indian River County, Unincorporated  
- City of Sebastian  
- City of Vero Beach  
- Town of Fellsmere  
- Town of Orchid  
- Town of Indian River Shores

Upon submittal of a copy of all participating jurisdictions’ documentation of their adoption resolutions to our office, we will send all necessary documentation to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who will issue formal approval of the Indian River County LMS.
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact David M. Block at 850-413-9959 or david.block@em.myflorida.com.

Respectfully,

Miles E. Anderson,
Bureau Chief, Mitigation
State Hazard Mitigation Officer

MEA/dmb

Attachments: MEMORANDUM: State approval of LMS plans under Program Administration by States (PAS)
MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group Chair/Coordinator

FROM: Miles E. Anderson, Mitigation Bureau Chief
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Florida Division of Emergency Management

RE: State approval of LMS plans under Program Administration by States (PAS)

Florida is currently operating under PAS with regard to the review and approval of Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) plans.

Under this designation, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) will manage the approval of LMS plans with minimal Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) oversight. FEMA will continue to send final approval letters to local communities for their mitigation plans.

The process:

Plan updates should be submitted to the state for review six (6) months prior to the plan expiration date. Once received, FDEM will complete the first review of each LMS plan within 30-days of receipt whenever possible. Once the plan has been reviewed by FDEM, the county will be notified that the plan is either in need of revisions, approved pending adoption, or approved.

- **Needs Revisions:** If the plan is determined to be insufficient the FDEM Mitigation Planning Unit will provide technical assistance to the local jurisdiction until they believe that the plan adequately meets the regulations according to FEMA’s standards.

- **Approved Pending Adoption (APA):** After FDEM reviewers determine that the plan adequately meets all regulations according to FEMA’s standards, they will notify the local jurisdiction by email and letter that the plan is ready to be adopted.

- **Approved:** Once a plan is adopted, FDEM will notify FEMA that the LMS plan is approved and provide a copy of the adoption resolution, the final plan, and a completed Plan Review Tool. FEMA will issue a formal approval letter for FDEM to transmit to the local community.

If you have any questions or need any further information regarding this change please do not hesitate to contact your state LMS liaison.

MEA/jlp