



# MEMORANDUM

## City of Venice

### Engineering Department

TO: Edward Lavalley, City Manager

FROM: Kathleen Weeden, City Engineer

DATE: November 2, 2018

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2018

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Upgrade and Maintain City Infrastructure and Facilities

SUBJECT: Resolution updating Floodplain Management Plan, Local Mitigation Strategy Project List and adoption of Sarasota County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy 2018 for Floodplain Management

**Background:** Annually, the Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) and Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Project List are updated and presented to City Council. The following is a summary of activities as outlined in the Community Rating System (CRS) Annual Re-certification guidelines:

Since the CRS annual cycle has been adjusted to May instead of September, the adoption of the FMP has been shifted to November. The CRS Committee has met five times since the adoption of the FMP in 2017. During these quarterly meetings the CRS Committee has reviewed outreach activities completed during the year and considered implementing changes to the CRS program. As stipulated in the FMP, this report as submitted to City Council, will be released to the media, and generally made available to the public. The needs and goals of the community, pertaining to hazards and risks, have not changed substantially since the adoption of the FMP on 9/26/2017. The needs and goals of the community will continue to be reviewed on an annual basis.

All new construction and substantial improvements are required to comply with the city floodplain ordinance and construct above the 100 year floodplain elevations. The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) also requires that floodplain compensation calculations be completed to reduce any off-site floodplain impacts. The population numbers were updated based on the US Census annual estimations available.

As part of the continuing effort to complete mitigation projects and obtain grant funding assistance, the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) project list was updated to highlight projects completed in the last year and add future projects. The updated LMS project list is incorporated into the FMP as an updated to the Sarasota County LMS Plan.

All Program for Public Information (PPI) activities included in the FMP, adopted 9-26-2017, have been conducted and projects to be conducted next year have been updated. Many of the flyers were streamlined to make the information for effective.

A Flood Insurance Analysis (FIA) was conducted, using information received from FEMA in May 2018 and incorporated into the FMP. Based on this analysis, the number of flood insurance policies have increased this year due to the addition of new structures and outreach efforts.

Additional outreach was conducted to clarify to condominium owners that the association building coverage does not cover their contents, increased public access and clarify of flood maps, clearer message in the PPI about site visits, mitigation assistance and property flood protection and creating additional outreach materials for social media. The desired outcomes of the PPI and CIP activities remain community awareness and increased flood insurance coverage in the SFHA. The committee sees no need to revise these outcomes at this time.

The community remains a class 6 community and continues to review the CRS program against our most recent audit results, making changes to the CRS program and FMP as deemed necessary and beneficial for both CRS scoring and the community in general.

In conclusion, the updated FMP contains revised flood insurance policy figures and LMS work group project list but, as the needs and goals of the community have not changed substantially since the FMP was adopted in 2017, the CRS committee has no suggestions to substantially revise existing FMP, PPI or CIP activities. Sarasota County is finalizing a plan to incorporate PPI and CIP activities on a county-wide basis including the municipalities. Staff will continue to work with Sarasota County and will bring forward the combined plan for adoption. Using this county-wide approach for public outreach and increased insurance coverage will maximize the resources available to the City while reducing duplicated costs. The committee will continue to meet quarterly to evaluate opportunities to improve the effectiveness of the floodplain management and outreach activities.

**Requested Action:** Approval of Resolution updating the Floodplain Management Plan, the Local Mitigation Strategy Project List and adoption of the Sarasota County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy 2018 with the City of Venice updated Floodplain Management Plan.

**City Attorney Review/Approved:** Yes

**Risk Management Review:** N/A

**Finance Department Review/Approved:** N/A

**Funds Availability (account number):** N/A

**ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED:** Originals delivered to City Clerk's Office