

City of Rancho Palos Verdes – Program Manager
RPV LANDSLIDE COMPLEX WORKING GROUP
MEETING AGENDA, NOTES, AND ACTION ITEMS

Date/Time: February 14, 2024, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm PST

Topic: **RPV Landslide Complex Working Group Meeting**

Attendees: **City of Rancho Palos Verdes**: Ara Mihranian, City Manager; Ramzi Awwad, Director of Public Works; David Copp, Deputy Director of Public Works; Cory Linder; Daniel Trautner; Jesse Villalpando; Brandy Forbes; Megan Barnes; Katie Lozano; Juan Hernandez; Elena Gerli (attorney); John Fox (attorney)

Hout Construction Services, Inc. (HCS): Sam Hout, Program Manager; Jayme Fairfield, Document Control Manager

Cotton, Shires and Associates, Inc.: Mike Phipps

Los Angeles County Disaster Management Area G: Brandy Villanueva

Klondike Canyon Landslide Abatement District (KCLAD): Steve Cummins; Scott Kerwin (Geologist)

Abalone Cove Landslide Abatement District (ACLAD): Gordon Leon; Scott Kerwin (Geologist)

Seaview Residents Association: Kit Song, **Rayne Sherman** (Alternate)

Portuguese Bend Community Association (PBCA): Kent Attridge, Claudia Gutierrez (Alternate)

Portuguese Beach Club HOA: Michael Barth, Andrew Ely, Eric Johnson

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy: Cris Sarabia

Cal Water: Angie Gilbride, Carmelo Sorce, **Ralph Felix**, Augie Beaza, Kevin McCusker, Ronald Sorensen

Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas): Ben Steinberger

Southern California Edison (SCE): Holly Essler, Mudila Kangulungu, Celina Luna (Alternate), Constance Turner (Alternate), Amber Topoleski

Frontier Communications: Doug McAllister, Ramiro De La Cruz, William Kearns, Stephen McDonald

Los Angeles County Public Works (LACPW): Robert Swartz

Los Angeles County Sanitation District (LACSD): Kevin Kim, Daniel Kim

City of Rolling Hills: Karina Banales (City Manager)

Rolling Hills Community Association: Kristen Raig

Wayfarer's Chapel: Rev. Dr. David Brown, Dan Burchett, Ben Gunter, Peter Gottschalk

Additional Community Attendees: Bob Locke, Kathryn Bishop, Kathy Snell, Peter Shaw, Deirdre Heimer, Lenée Bilski, Nikki Noushkar, Arty Beckler, K Miller

(Note: Those in attendance are in black; not in attendance are in gray)

Working Group Purpose: *"We are committed to evaluating and addressing every concern the community has for this important initiative. We will look to share information and ideas amongst all the major stakeholders and initiate short-term measures for proactive success. The community has spoken and the City is taking action."*

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DISCUSSION ITEMS	
Los Angeles County Disaster Management AREA G <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesse Villalpando submitted the late damage assessments to FEMA for reimbursement for the 2022-2023 winter storm emergency. This includes the City, ACLAD, and KCLAD. • The City encourages ACLAD, KCLAD, and other non-profit HOAs to keep/prepare receipts and documentation so that the City can be prepared to submit cost reimbursements to FEMA at a moment's notice for the 2023-2024 winter storm emergency—if one is declared. It could happen in the next few days and the documentation needs to be ready. Brandy Villanueva stated that this process occurs quickly, for example, in a couple of hours, not a couple of days. This needs to be done/submitted immediately and properly to not jeopardize the BRIC grant. In documentation, the language needs to show that the costs are related to “emergency protective measures.” • Ara Mihranian has been in contact with county and state representatives, CalOES, FEMA, Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management and other. • If a state and/or federal emergency declaration is enacted, this will evoke emergency power that could help with state requirements. • The City will follow up in a month for financial assistance. • Jesse Villalpando reported on contingency planning. The City has been coordinating with all relevant agencies, the City of Torrance, the Red Cross, and others. • Jesse Villalpando is working on a landslide protocol response flow chart. • Brandy Villanueva reported that in her communications with CalOES, another storm is coming soon, and she will keep the City updated on any pertinent information. 	Brandy Villanueva Jesse Villalpando
Geotechnical Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the past week, Mike Phipps has been coordinating with Cal Water and their design consultants on the water main project(s)—sharing data and information from the landslide area. • On 2/14/2024, Mike Phipps and others inspected Kelvin Canyon and other properties in the Vanderlip area. Creek water is entering the fissures and not flowing down the canyon. The flow needs to reach the drainage at Vanderlip Drive. The fissures at the high end of the slide boundary need to be filled. • The next regularly scheduled monitoring point survey is in March, but the City is looking into a February survey, as well as monthly surveys. • Ara Mihranian requested a report from Mike Phipps that describes what is happening due to the heavy rainfall events. Ara would need this report in 4-6 weeks. 	Ramzi Awwad Mike Phipps Scott Kerwin
Coordination with the City of Rolling Hills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Rolling Hills Ad Hoc Committee is ramping up coordination with nearby cities/municipalities. • The City of Rolling Hills is continuing their research of recent events and will report back. 	Ara Mihranian Karina Banales
General Comments or Questions	Working Group

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has coordinated trash pick up for the 4-5 Seaview residences at the sewer repair site. They will continue to do so as needed. • Sam Hout will coordinate with Hardy & Harper during their roadway repair construction starting 2/15/2024 for the grindings to be provided to ACLAD and KCLAD. 	
NEXT MEETING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Status Meeting: Occurs every Wednesday at 3:00 pm PST. Next meeting is 2/21/2024. • Regular Meeting Format: This meeting will be held virtually via Teams. For a Teams link, please email Jayme Fairfield at jfairfield@houtconstruction.com. • Notes from past meetings can be found on the City's website at this link: RPV Landslide Complex Working Group Rancho Palos Verdes, CA - Official Website (rpvca.gov). 	Ara Mihranian Jayme Fairfield

Current, Short-Term, and Long-Term Mitigation Projects

Activity	Responsible Entity	Current Status from 2/14/2024 Meeting	Estimated Completion
Portuguese Bend Landslide EIR and Final Engineering	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the 2/6/2024 City Council meeting, they asked City staff to return at the 2/20/2024 City Council meeting with a plan to get the EIR finalized and to advance the final engineering. • The agenda for the 2/20/2024 is posted; however, additional details will be added on 2/15/2024 by COB. • The City received emails and correspondence from the public, which will be included. 	October 2024
PVDS at Peppertree Drainage	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City is awaiting FEMA's response to the RFI response. 	TBD
GPS Surveying of Landslide Movement	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next regular monitoring will be in March 2024. The City will be increasing the frequency. • The City is getting a proposal for an additional February 2024 reading. Mike Phipps will send the City/Ramzi Awwad select points. 	Ongoing
PVDS Roadway Repairs	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City continues to monitor the road conditions for movement and cracking and will be scheduling repairs as needed. Crews are scheduled to conduct repairs on 2/15/2024 through 2/16/2024, and then again after the next expected storm. • The City is still working with their traffic consultant to assess the signage for permanent and temporary signage. Ramzi Awwad reiterated that the traffic engineer will make the recommendations. 	Ongoing
Crack-Filling in Seaview Neighborhood	City (RPV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City will continue to fill cracks as they occur. • The City has sandbags and sand available at City Hall. Juan Hernandez will follow up on the other locations where sandbags and sand have previously been available to make sure they are stocked. 	Ongoing
Road Repairs in the Portuguese Bend Community	Portuguese Bend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Lower Cinnamon (1 Cinnamon and 2 Cinnamon), temporary repairs were completed. 	Ongoing

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	Community Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the intersection of Narcissa and Cinnamon, repairs were completed then broke again. So, more repairs are needed. It was discussed that flexible pipe could be a long-term solution. At Narcissa and the Riding Club, more road repairs are required due to fissures. 	
Guardrail to Protect Above-Ground Sewer Trunk Lines on Palos Verdes Drive South	LACSD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City is waiting on the guardrail construction schedule. 	Feb 2024
Underground Sewer Lines in Seaview Neighborhood	LACPW: Mains Homeowners: Laterals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A work truck was reported on PVDS. Ramzi Awwad confirmed with LACSD that it was for routine adjustments to the couplings. LACPW found a break in the sanitary sewer, installed a bypass, and will be continuing with repair work around the last week of February or the first week of March. The City will be working with LACSD on rerouting the sanitary sewer and will share conceptual designs when they are available. 	Ongoing
Sewer Lines in Portuguese Bend Community	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been multiple breaks on Narcissa in the galvanized pipe, which easily pulls apart with land movement. The City is looking into flexible pipe. 	Ongoing
Leaning SCE Power Poles Repairs	Southern California Edison (SCE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three additional poles on Dauntless need to be replaced. Residents want to know what/how SCE will be conducting this, including safety measures to protect their properties. Program Manager Sam Hout at Hout Construction Services, Inc. (HCS) has noted the plan is in place to remove the 40 poles in the Preserve area. The City/HCS will review the plan and ensure there are safety procedures. Sam Hout stated the City has encroachment permits for both projects (3 poles and 40 poles) listed above. 	Ongoing
Gas Lines in Portuguese Bend Community	SoCalGas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soil samples were obtained at Narcissa on 2/14/2024. Ben Steinberger coordinated with SoCal Gas operations and no leaks have been reported in the past week. Footings are being to hold the pipe up out of the dirt but are not attached to the ground. 	TBD
Water Mains in Seaview Neighborhood	Cal Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates. 	TBD
Water Mains in Portuguese Bend Community Association	Cal Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cal Water received the construction materials for the upcoming construction project, which is scheduled to start 2/15/2024. Claudia Gutierrez helped Cal Water get the public notices out. Cal Water is working on getting materials and permit(s) for the next project phase. The Vanderlip to Burma phase is currently in design. 	TBD

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KCLAD Dewatering Wells	KCLAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new well total volume was 168-170 this week. • With the recent heavy rains, the ground water level has been rising approximately 3-4 feet. • At the well with the broken casing, a shallow well will be placed next to it to draw down ground water. This is a perforated 8-inch pipe, which should pump about 20 gpm. If the water level goes down, the deep well can be excavated and repaired. 	Ongoing
Klondike Canyon Fissures	KCLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City maintenance crews will check the tarps and sandbags on 2/8/2024. 	Ongoing
Klondike Canyon Culvert and Pipe	KCLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage design is still under consideration for a 16" pipe with flared inlet. Drainage is temporarily directed with sandbags. • KCLAD is looking at lining the lower canyon and running a storm drain line. 	Ongoing
Lower Seaview/ PVDS at Klondike Canyon Drainage	KCLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at alternate designs for the storm drain. 	TBD
ACLAD Dewatering Wells	ACLAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new pump was installed in well #17. It is pumping for about 8 hours per day, which is about double from before. • Gordon Leon and Ed Pongracz from Cotton Shires walked Kelvin Canyon. Ed provided advice on collecting water. • The arborist(s) is doing a great job clearing the canyon. • Repaired wells in the PB neighborhood. 	Ongoing
Dewatering Wells South of PVDS	ACLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently wiring and plumbing wells #18 and #20. The photo below is of well #18.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the “science experiment,” samples were measured at the spring in Kelvin Canyon, the runoff in 	Feb 2024

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		Vanderlip, and other locations. Samples will be sent to UC Davis after more samples are collected after the next expected rainfall.	
Altamira Canyon Lining	ACLAD, RPV, and LACPW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates. 	TBD