

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

Date/Time: February 28, 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): Alex Villarama, Robert Swartz, Art Vander Vis (fire department)

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: K Miller, Peter Shaw, Lori Rangel, Kathryn Bishop, Deirdre Heimer, Sha, Liz Brown, Marianne, Kathy Snell, Bob Locke, Liz Brown Swanson, Max Barth

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

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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."*

| Item | Presenter(s) |
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| DISCUSSION ITEMS | |
| Declaration(s) of Emergency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City's letter was submitted to CalOES. CalOES shared the letter with California Governor Newsome. Governor Newsome responded that RPV is covered under the eight-county wide declaration of emergency for the winter 2024 storms; however, we are waiting on a letter back from the Governor. The City met with CalOES Director Nancy Ward. Our desire is to meet with FEMA about the BRIC grant to see if they will consider specific project components implemented in certain areas be allowed. If President Biden declared a federal disaster, there could be two types of relief: public assistance and individual assistance. Public assistance comes with relief for public agencies and non-profit organizations. Expenses need to focus on stabilizing the landslide based on the rainfall event (storm) If President Biden does not declare a federal state of emergency, it goes back to Governor Newsome. California does not typically fund landslides. There are couple of paths the City can take and the outcomes are very different. | Ara Mihranian Ramzi Awwad |
| Los Angeles County Disaster Management AREA G <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates. | Brandy Villanueva Jesse Villalpando |
| Geotechnical Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Phipps looked at Wayfarer's Chapel and Narcissa above Wayfarer's Chapel. He observed the area breaking into chunks; the drainage pattern has been changed due to tension cracks and dropping. He suggested that PBCA try to keep the road passable. There is movement up Narcissa at the hairpin. Wayfarer's Chapel buildings were not moving in the past, but the ancient slide seems to be reactivated there. Mike Phipps also looked at Beach School Road at the Abalone Cove Landslide. Mike Phipps did additional mapping above Vanderlip and Kelvin Canyon. Gordon Leon stated that it was dry at the top. Mike Phipps provided input to McGee on survey points to be closely monitored. The next round of surveys needs to wait in certain areas until the soil dries to be able to access them. | Ramzi Awwad Mike Phipps Scott Kerwin |
| Coordination with the City of Rolling Hills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karina Banales and other city staff are in the process of meeting with utility companies/agencies to see if they have observed any movement or other issues. There are no updates on water discharge or drainage. The city is gathering data and meeting with LACFCD and relevant stakeholders to provide information on the septic and sewer systems. | Ara Mihranian Karina Banales |
| General Comments or Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LACPW/Fire Department is looking for damage assessments from this group regarding residential properties. They can be submitted online at https://recovery.lacounty.gov/February-2024-winter-storm/. | Working Group |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the Frontier Communication lines in PBCA, the fiber optic line installation was delayed due to land movement. The City had multiple geologists inspect the hills above the Seaview neighborhood. There is no issue with the safety of the hills. | |
| NEXT MEETING | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Status Meeting: Occurs every Wednesday at 3:00 pm PST. Next meeting is 3/6/2024. 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 2/28/2024 Meeting | Estimated Completion |
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| Portuguese Bend Landslide EIR and Final Engineering | City | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Council directed staff to bring the EIR to City Council in May. Short-term interim measures are being developed to present to City Council at the 3/19/2024 meeting that are separate from the big project. | October 2024 |
| PVDS at Peppertree Drainage | City | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes. | TBD |
| GPS Surveying of Landslide Movement | City | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next survey has been delayed due to rain. | Ongoing |
| PVDS Roadway Repairs | City | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City is wrapping up additional repairs. The City is working on plans to address the issues at the ski jump. The City's traffic consultant Fehr & Peers is reviewing traffic signage, including speed, bumps, or any other restriction needs. More repairs will be scheduled on PVDS. Ramzi Awwad will check the area where the storm drain goes under PVDS and report back. | Ongoing |
| Crack-Filling in Seaview Neighborhood | City (RPV) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City's maintenance staff continues to seal cracks. There will be another round on 3/26/2024 through 3/27/2024. The City will continue to monitor for cracking. The homeowners have been noticing sightseers taking up on-street parking spaces. The City will look into it and report back. | Ongoing |
| Road Repairs in the Portuguese Bend Community | Portuguese Bend Community Association | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The repairs at Narcissa and the Riding Club are complete. The Gingerroot, Peppertree, and Limetree ski jump fissures are filled. There is a sinkhole at the manhole. Juan Hernandez will send a City crew out to inspect it. | Ongoing |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It appears that large trash trucks are causing road damage. PBCA will talk to Edco Trash Services about sending a smaller truck to this area. Repairs are needed at the Cinnamon fissure. The repairs at East Pomegranate are on hold, as PBCA are waiting for grindings. | |
| Guardrail to Protect Above-Ground Sewer Trunk Lines on Palos Verdes Drive South | LACSD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The construction date was pushed back due to the storms. | Feb 2024 |
| Underground Sewer Lines in Seaview Neighborhood | LACPW: Mains Homeowners: Laterals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second repair was completed on Dauntless. Rayne Sherman will confirm the status of the repairs on PVDS. | Ongoing |
| Sewer Lines in Portuguese Bend Community | City | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates. | Ongoing |
| Leaning SCE Power Poles Repairs | Southern California Edison (SCE) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be a field meeting on 3/1/2024. Starting phase 1 of pole removals the week of 3/4/2024. SCE and Frontier Communications have no equipment on the poles on the Burma Trail. The poles on Exultant/Dauntless have no updates. | Ongoing |
| Gas Lines in Portuguese Bend Community | SoCal Gas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SoCal Gas is installing a shut-off valve at PBC to cut off flow to the PB community if needed in an emergency. It should be installed next week. For the above-ground line installation on Narcissa, SoCal Gas will provide updates when more information is available. Wayfarer's Chapel has had their gas shut off for weeks now. There was a rupture on Narcissa and Cinnamon on 2/24/2024. The residents thought that the response was slow. SoCal Gas stated that the hot line at (800) 427-2200 is the fastest way to report a leak or emergency. SoCal Gas has an expedite order for this area. ACLAD requested swing joints in the areas of repeated ruptures. | 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"> No updates. | TBD |
| Vanderlip Trail Water Mains | Cal Water | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates. | TBD |
| Vanderlip Drive Water Mains | Cal Water | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates. | |

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| KCLAD Dewatering Wells | KCLAD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no additional water depth changes. • The wells have the same pump volume. | Ongoing |
| Klondike Canyon Fissures | KCLAD & City | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates. | Ongoing |
| Klondike Canyon Culvert and Pipe | KCLAD & City | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates. | Ongoing |
| Lower Seaview/ PVDS at Klondike Canyon Drainage | KCLAD & City | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates. | TBD |
| ACLAD Dewatering Wells | ACLAD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with SCE on 2/27/2024 about locating services for the four remaining wells. • Kelvin Canyon is clear from Vanderlip to Kelvin Canyon Trail for access to the springs. | Ongoing |
| Dewatering Wells South of PVDS | ACLAD & City | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells #18 and #20 have only been pumping for one week. Will get water level data next week. | Feb 2024 |
| Altamira Canyon Lining | ACLAD, RPV, and LACPW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates. | TBD |