



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

Date/Time: May 8, 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; Brandy Forbes; Megan Barnes; Katie Lozano; Juan Hernandez; Brandon Mesker; Elena Gerli (attorney); John Fox (attorney)

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

**Cotton, Shires and Associates, Inc.:** Mike Phipps, Contract City Geologist, Pat Shires

**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, Taylor Garcia, James Edwards

**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), Brian Kane (fire department)

**Los Angeles County Sanitation District (LACSD):** Kevin Kim, Jared Abegg

**City of Rolling Hills:** Karina Banales (City Manager), Samantha Crew, Christian Horvath

**Rolling Hills Community Association:** Kristen Raig

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

Additional Community Attendees: Nancy Kalthoff, K Miller, Peter Shaw, Nikki Noushkam, Max Barth, Deirdre Heimer, Tami Podesta, Sheri Hastings, Lili Amini, Liz Brown, Leanne Twidwell, Elliot, Kathy Snell, Marianne Hunter, Sha, Bob Locke

(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.”*

TABLE 1: AGENDA ITEMS	Presenter(s)
<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>	
<b>Current, Short-Term, and Long-Term Mitigation Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Table 2 below.</li> </ul>	Ramzi Awwad Jayme Fairfield
<b>Declaration(s) of Emergency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still waiting for a determination if an additional presidential proclamation of disaster will be granted.</li> </ul>	Ara Mihranian Ramzi Awwad Brandy Villanueva
<b>Los Angeles County Disaster Management AREA G</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brandy Villanueva attended the applicants briefing on Tuesday 5/7/2024 for “DR-4769” for early winter storms with an incident period of 1/31/2024 through 2/9/2024. Requests for public assistance (RPA) are to be submitted into the Grants Portal by 5/13/2024, 5 p.m. PST. This is the letter-of-intent phase. This process is time sensitive. This is a 75%/25% split.</li> <li>CalOES CDAA (California Disaster Assistance Act) funding requests are due 5/13/2024, 5:00 pm PST.</li> <li>An SBA (Small Business Administration) request has still not been submitted by the State of California. If approved, small interest loans would become available for small business owners, homeowners, and renters. The specifics of the loans will be set at the time of approval. If SBA is approved, a disaster resources center will be set up and centrally located within the County for interested parties to attend and process their paperwork.</li> <li>Since Jesse Villalpando is no longer with the City, Ara Mihranian stated that each district submit their own request through the grants portal.</li> <li>Brandy Villanueva will send the City, ACLAD, and KCLAD the information from the applicant’s briefing, including the information on how to gain access to the grants portal, CDAA, and RPA process.</li> <li>For Hazard Mitigation program grants, including 404 grants, an approved LHMP is required. For the public assistance process, an LHMP is not required.</li> </ul>	Brandy Villanueva
<b>Geotechnical Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to the 5/7/2024 City Council meeting.</li> <li>The charts shown at the City Council meeting can be found in the Staff Report.</li> <li>Jayme Fairfield will distribute the charts to this group with the meeting notes.</li> </ul>	Ramzi Awwad Mike Phipps Scott Kerwin
<b>Coordination with the City of Rolling Hills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The RPV City Council authorized Ara Mihranian to send a letter to the City of Rolling Hills and the homeowners associations to request that the two cities work together to identify the water sources in the watershed.</li> </ul>	Ara Mihranian Karina Banales
<b>General Comments or Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andrew Ely from ACLAD attended Los Angeles County meeting 5/7/2024, which should be helpful for the funding.</li> <li>On 5/3/2024, ACLAD took Senator Allen around the PBCA neighborhood. There has been significant movement since his last visit. Senator Allen stated that he will add the landslide(s) on the state’s list of emergencies to get funding.</li> </ul>	Working Group

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gordon Leon attended the FEMA workshop on 5/7/2024 on FEMA processes.</li> <li>Gordon Leon has been working on the engineering report for ACLAD. He will send it Ramzi Awwad for review.</li> <li>SB 1461: Ara Mihranian has met with various officials. There is a text amendment on the table. Ara will follow up with Garrett in Sacramento and report back. Ara would like to include the California Disaster Assistance Act language into the SB 1461 bill.</li> <li>Wayfarers Chapel: Any permit request fees will be waived by the City if the entity's insurance does not cover it. If fees have been paid, they will be reimbursed.</li> <li>Ara invited Assessor Prague to the City to talk with the residents on how to get properties reassessed. The City is trying to help residents get individual assistance.</li> </ul>		
NEXT MEETING		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly Status Meeting: Occurs every Wednesday at 3:00 pm PST. Next meeting is 5/15/2024.</li> <li>Regular Meeting Format: This meeting will be held virtually via Teams. For a Teams link, please email Jayme Fairfield at <a href="mailto:jfairfield@houtconstruction.com">jfairfield@houtconstruction.com</a>.</li> <li>Notes from past meetings can be found on the City's website at this link: <a href="https://www.rpvca.gov/landslide-complex-working-group">RPV Landslide Complex Working Group   Rancho Palos Verdes, CA - Official Website (rpvca.gov)</a>.</li> </ul>		Ara Mihranian Jayme Fairfield

**TABLE 2: CURRENT, SHORT-TERM, AND LONG-TERM MITIGATION PROJECTS**

Activity	Responsible Entity	Status from 5/8/2024 Meeting	Estimated Completion
UTILITIES			
Guardrail to Protect Above-Ground Sewer Trunk Lines on Palos Verdes Drive South	LACSD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project is completed.</li> </ul>	Completed
Underground Sewer Lines in Seaview Neighborhood	LACPW: Mains Homeowners: Laterals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LACPW had CCTV crews there on 5/6/2024.</li> <li>Investigation showed degradation.</li> <li>LACPW is looking into better alternatives for permanent solutions.</li> <li>Brandon Mesker will set up a meeting with the City and LACPW.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Sewer Lines in Portuguese Bend Community	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City had two repairs this week on Clovetree.</li> <li>Inspected Wayfarers Chapel area and Narcissa. No breaks were found at this location or in the surrounding areas. Claudia Gutierrez said that there is a sewer smell at this location.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Leaning SCE Power Poles Repairs	Southern California Edison (SCE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cox Communications still expects June for their equipment removal.</li> <li>There are additional leaning poles at 1 Narcissa right behind the gate. An inspector said it should be replaced. This will likely happen at end of next week.</li> </ul>	Ongoing

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three leaning poles in Altamira Canyon on Cinnamon and Vanderlip are causing tension on the power lines. An SCE planner will investigate this week. City crews will be out there next week to replace some cross arms and guidelines.</li> <li>There will be regular checks on Altamira Canyon lines going forward (requires hiking). Inspections are done on foot and by drones. The City wants to know the interval of these checks. Taylor Garcia and James Edwards will follow up with SCE staff and report back.</li> <li>There was a downed wire on 5/7/2024. Crews responded, repaired the line, and ensured power was back on. Crews provided information to SCE's engineering team to determine how downed wires can be mitigated. This could take about 45 days.</li> </ul>	
Gas Lines in Portuguese Bend Community	SoCal Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction crews are still working on site #3 on Narcissa.</li> <li>The next project is site #4.</li> <li>There was a gas line break on Dauntless today. Crews have been there all day.</li> </ul>	TBD
Water Mains in Seaview Neighborhood	Cal Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates.</li> </ul>	TBD
Water Mains in Portuguese Bend Community Association	Cal Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates.</li> </ul>	TBD
Vanderlip Trail Water Mains	Cal Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates.</li> </ul>	TBD
Vanderlip Drive Water Mains	Cal Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates.</li> <li>Angie Gilbride is waiting on confirmation from the engineering team before she can provide updates.</li> </ul>	TBD
Portuguese Bend Club	Cal Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates.</li> </ul>	TBD
<b>CITY</b>			
Portuguese Bend Landslide EIR, Final Engineering, and E1/E2	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The E1/E2 project was approved by City Council on 5/7/2024. The team is now working on the permitting and mobilization. Equipment is getting secured. Test bore holes will be the first construction activity and the data obtained from the bore holes will validate the design.</li> <li>The team will develop Plans B and C as data is obtained from the test bore holes. These plans can be adjusted quickly. There have been discussions on potential scenarios.</li> <li>Targets have been set but more definitive targets can be developed once we have the test bore hole data. As soon as the City feels the targets can be published, they will release that information.</li> </ul>	October 2024

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PVDS at Peppertree Drainage	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City is picking up on design again. Conditions have changed so modifications to the design need to be made.</li> </ul>	TBD
GPS Surveying of Landslide Movement	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next survey will be in May. The survey frequency is monthly.</li> <li>The City is looking at pros and cons of more advanced survey/monitoring technology.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
PVDS Roadway Repairs	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hardy &amp; Harper is scheduled for the next repairs (patching of surface cracks) beginning on 5/10/2024.</li> <li>ACLAD requested any grindings. Sam Hout and Brianna Arquette will continue to remind Hardy &amp; Harper. Gordon Leon and Claudia Gutierrez will discuss the grindings offline.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Crack-Filling in Seaview Neighborhood	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crack filling continues as needed.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS AND LANDSLIDE ABATEMENT DISTRICTS			
Road Repairs in the Portuguese Bend Community	Portuguese Bend Community Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peppertree Drive potholes will be repaired, a few uplifts on Peppertree and Narcissa will be grinded and repaired.</li> <li>Three loads of CMB are on lower Cinnamon, pipes will be laid by 1 Cinnamon frontage to direct pipe break water to the culvert. Dave Zelhart will be heading that project.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
KCLAD Dewatering Wells	KCLAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The four wells are currently pumping 200 gpm. Pumping capacity depends on water level and many other factors.</li> <li>Water levels are slowly dropping. If there is no upcoming rain, Steve Cummins expects the water to drop 3-4 feet per week.</li> <li>New monitoring points were added in the Klondike Canyon Landslide area.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Klondike Canyon Fissures	KCLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City is still monitoring tarps and sandbags.</li> <li>KCLAD is working on funding efforts. When funding comes through, the first project is lining in the canyon.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Klondike Canyon Culvert and Pipe	KCLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Channel grading is completed at channel outlets.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Lower Seaview/ PVDS at Klondike Canyon Drainage	KCLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The surf line is still being pushed up.</li> </ul>	TBD
ACLAD Dewatering Wells	ACLAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electrical poles are installed for wells #23 and #24.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
General Maintenance	ACLAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There has been a fissure forming in Gordon Leon's driveway. Gordon has been measuring it since January. Movement has been slowing in the last two months.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Top of Slide Area and Kelvin Canyon Spring	ACLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates.</li> </ul>	TBD

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Altamira Canyon Lining	ACLAD, RPV, and LACPW (Flood Control District)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LACPW states that the canyon lining is the City's responsibility. The City states that the lining is LACPW's responsibility. Ara Mihranian wants to have a meeting with all parties to discuss this matter.</li> </ul>	TBD