



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

Date/Time: July 3, 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; David Rasor; 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:** 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), Teagan Ferdinandsen

**Los Angeles County Sanitation District** (LACSD): Kevin Kim, Jared Abegg, Michael Chee, Maria Rosales (for Michael Chee)

**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, Kathy Snell, Steve Hinchliff, Max Barth, Tami Podesta, Nikki Noushkar, Jeremiah Sunwoo, Donna Boston, Peter Shaw, Sha, Karen Miller, Sheri Hastings, Gregory Phillip, Michael Barth, LA

(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.”

<b>TABLE 1: AGENDA ITEMS</b>		<b>Presenter(s)</b>
<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 and Los Angeles County Disaster Management AREA G</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SBA/individual assistance ends 7/16/2024.</li> <li>Ara Mihranian is not confident that FEMA will open a disaster center at Ladera Linda to help with individual assistance.</li> <li>Brandy Villanueva sent Ramzi Awwad the eligibility fact sheet last week.</li> <li>Brandy Villanueva reported that the County is expecting an early brush fire season this year.</li> </ul>		Ara Mihranian Ramzi Awwad Brandy Villanueva
<b>Geotechnical Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike Phipps gave an extensive update at the 7/2/2024 City Council meeting.</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 City Council subcommittee has been communicating with the City of Rolling Hills. The scheduled meeting at the end of June had to be cancelled and the City is working to reschedule the meeting.</li> </ul>		Ara Mihranian Karina Banales
<b>Funding Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACLAD: The City Council passed the fast-track loan. The first spending will be installing six new wells. Final locations are being confirmed. Second spending will be on the drainage system.</li> </ul>		Ara Mihranian Ramzi Awwad
<b>General Comments or Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There has been a rumor that the fire department has been red-tagging homes. Ara Mihranian clarified that this is not true. The fire department does not red tag homes.</li> <li>Residents can call David Rasor, Building Official, at the City to ask questions (anonymous if desired). Contact can be made with David that will not trigger an inspection. The City's goal is to keep people in their homes.</li> </ul>		Working Group
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly Status Meeting: Occurs every Wednesday at 3:00 pm PST. The next meeting is 7/10/2024.</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="http://RPV Landslide Complex Working Group   Rancho Palos Verdes, CA - Official Website (rpvca.gov)">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	Notes/Status	Estimated Completion
<b>UTILITIES</b>			

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Sewer Lines	LACSD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LACSD continues to inspect the sewer trunk lines daily. They found a problem at the area where the line goes underground. Last week they relocated that portion above ground.</li> <li>• LACSD is working to move other areas above ground</li> <li>• More information to come in the next few days.</li> <li>• LACSD will follow up with collateral (see last week) about disaster planning. It was suggested that a website/page or flyer be available that lays out the basics of responding to an emergency and updates for information.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Sewer Lines: Seaview Neighborhood	LACPW: Mains Homeowners: Laterals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Today, crews from LACPW installed a sewer bypass line at the intersection of Dauntless/Exultant. This is a temporary repair while a more permanent repair is developed and designed. The City recognizes this is a challenging area.</li> <li>• The City asks that residents do no touch any sewer infrastructure. If a resident thinks there's an issue, please call the City.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Sewer Lines: Portuguese Bend Community	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City continues to address breaks and pinches where they occur.</li> <li>• For the short-term, the City is using flexible materials.</li> <li>• Long-term solutions are being planned.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Power Poles Repairs	Southern California Edison (SCE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last week, SCE made the decision that they cannot provide service to three properties (locations are confidential at this time). They are working with the affected residents on whether the power can be safely restored. SCE is not able to provide generator power currently due to safety concerns. The HOAs can provide more information on emergency, generator, or solar power.</li> <li>• SCE is working to ensure safety to the public.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Gas Lines: Portuguese Bend Community and Seaview Community	SoCal Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three weeks ago, SoCal Gas met with Seaview representatives to look at options for infrastructure enhancements. Two isolation valves are an option and designs are being developed.</li> <li>• Kit Song will notify the community once information is provided by SoCal Gas.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Water: Seaview Neighborhood	Cal Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cal Water has 24/7 coverage for Seaview.</li> <li>• Report any leaks to Cal Water's leak number (310) 257-1400.</li> <li>• Communication is ongoing with Seaview for additional project putting mains aboveground.</li> </ul>	TBD
Water: Portuguese Bend Community Association	Cal Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cal Water has 24/7 coverage for PBCA.</li> <li>• Report any leaks to the PB leak number (310) 257-1400.</li> <li>• PBCA construction projects are ongoing.</li> </ul>	TBD
Water: Portuguese Bend Beach Club	Cal Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates.</li> </ul>	TBD

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<b>CITY</b>			
Portuguese Bend Landslide EIR, Final Engineering, and E1/E2	City	<p>E1/E2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City's contractor is continuing with the test bore holes. Construction is pausing 7/4/2024 through 7/7/2024 and will continue drilling on 7/8/2024.</li> <li>The contractor should finish the fourth bore hole (E-1-8) on 7/8/2024 and instrumentation will be installed. The expect to ultimately reach the depth of 348 feet.</li> <li>The City is working on getting access from the Beach Club for additional bore holes.</li> </ul> <p>EIR Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City is working on responding to EIR comments. But, note that the E1/E2 project is currently the priority.</li> </ul>	October 2024
PVDS at Peppertree Drainage	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing to work with FEMA on moving the plan forward. Need to do some resurveying.</li> </ul>	TBD
GPS Surveying of Landslide Movement	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City is performing monthly surveys. The next survey is about two weeks out.</li> <li>It takes about one week to process and interpret the data.</li> <li>The terrain has become more difficult to access. May use drones for the areas that have become inaccessible.</li> <li>The City provides the summarized data on its website.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
PVDS Roadway Repairs	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City is working on developing a repair plan on PVDS. City staff will present it to City Council on 7/16/2024.</li> <li>The City is still trying to determine whether there will be a full closure for a shorter construction period, or a longer construction period with a partial closure (by keeping one lane open).</li> <li>The City requests that the HOAs determine what their residents prefer.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Crack-Filling in Seaview Neighborhood	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City is putting inspections for the graven areas on the same schedule as PVDS. This will give this area increased attention. The City is strategizing on drainage before next rainy season.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
<b>COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS AND LANDSLIDE ABATEMENT DISTRICTS</b>			
Road Repairs in the Portuguese Bend Community	Portuguese Bend Community Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received 6 loads of CMB for the areas that continue to sink.</li> <li>Received bids for road work on Narcissa.</li> <li>Still need to maintain open roads/gates for residents.</li> <li>Land movement is affecting the operation of both gates.</li> <li>Most navigation systems route delivery persons and delivery trucks into closed areas. PBCA is still attempting to contact google maps.</li> </ul>	Ongoing

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A stolen vehicle in the neighborhood was accessed through York's open gates.</li> </ul>	
KCLAD Dewatering Wells	KCLAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thorough updates were provided at the 7/2/2024 City Council meeting.</li> <li>• KCLAD appreciates the City loan approval at the 7/2/2024 City Council meeting.</li> <li>• Will be installing two more wells at the beach.</li> <li>• Two existing wells need new pumps; one pump has been stuck in the bottom of the well. A new pump will be installed above the stuck pump.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Klondike Canyon Fissures	KCLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still trying to remove the tarps.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Klondike Canyon Culvert and Pipe	KCLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Lower Seaview/ PVDS at Klondike Canyon Drainage	KCLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates.</li> </ul>	TBD
ACLAD Dewatering Wells	ACLAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All wells had been off for a day; however, all but one are now back online today.</li> <li>• There is grit coming from the wells into the water meters and ACLAD is investigating.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
General Maintenance	ACLAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Top of Slide Area and Kelvin Canyon Spring	ACLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private citizens are the ones who are digging in the Preserve to fill fissures, not ACLAD. Sheri Hastings would like in writing that a geologist is okay with fissure filling using the Preserve's soil.</li> </ul>	TBD
Altamira Canyon Lining	ACLAD, RPV, and LACPW (Flood Control District)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates.</li> </ul>	TBD