



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

Date/Time: August 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; Brandy Forbes; Megan Barnes; Katie Lozano; Juan Hernandez; Brandon Mesker; David Rasor; Elena Gerli (attorney); John Fox (attorney); Jeremiah Sunwoo, Noel Casil, Nic Grillo

**Hout Construction Services, Inc. (HCS):** Sam Hout, Program 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, Gabriela Medina (Alternate)

**Southern California Edison (SCE):** Celina Luna, Luis Lara Moreno, 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), Brian Kane (fire department)

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

**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: Kathy Snell, Larry Maizlish, Marianne Hunter, Nancy Kalthoff, Nikki Noushkam, Sha, Theresa, Luis Lara Moreno, Peter Shaw, Karen Miller, Luna Mohammad, Steve Hinchliff, Bob Locke, Delbar, Tami Podesta, Catherine Jun

(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>		Ramzi Awwad Jayme Fairfield
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Table 2 below.</li> </ul>		
<b>Declaration(s) of Emergency and Los Angeles County Disaster Management AREA G</b>		Ara Mihranian Ramzi Awwad Brandy Villanueva
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City staff will make a request to City Council at the next City Council meeting to extend the emergency declaration. We are approaching the one year from the original declaration.</li> </ul>		
<b>Geotechnical Updates</b>		Ramzi Awwad Mike Phipps Scott Kerwin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike Phipps visited the Beach Club today.</li> <li>Mike Phipps is headed up to Rolling Hills after this call to inspect some features.</li> </ul>		
<b>Coordination with the City of Rolling Hills</b>		Ara Mihranian Karina Banales
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates.</li> </ul>		
<b>Funding Initiatives</b>		Ara Mihranian Ramzi Awwad
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City has a number of funding applications to FEMA. City staff will share more information at the first October City Council meeting.</li> <li>ACLAD completed and submitted the FEMA damage inventory.</li> </ul>		
<b>General Comments or Questions</b>		Working Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City has worked with services, such as trash, to reroute pickups as needed. The City does their best to reach out to residents as early as possible.</li> <li>It was reported that workers’ families are going beyond the barriers to take photos/selfies.</li> <li>Ara Mihranian requests that all residents in all communities remain polite and courteous to the field crews from all utilities and contractors.</li> <li>ACLAD has been soliciting engineering support and had a couple of withdrawals due to the lawsuit from KCLAD. Lawsuits have made it difficult to get new board members, consultants, and contractors.</li> <li>Please email <a href="mailto:landmovement@rpvca.gov">landmovement@rpvca.gov</a> with public/resident concerns, issue reports, or complaints.</li> </ul>		
<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 9/4/2024.</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="#">RPV Landslide Complex Working Group   Rancho Palos Verdes, CA - Official Website (rpvca.gov)</a>.</li> </ul>		Ara Mihranian Jayme Fairfield

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

Activity	Responsible Entity	Notes/Status	Estimated Completion
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Sewer Lines	LACSD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was a sewer line break in a main transport line at the “T” at PVDS and Narcissa. Crews determined it was the underground trunk line. Land movement separated the coupling joint 6’ below ground. Crews diverted flow and repaired the coupling.</li> <li>This was the first major trunk line to experience a break/leak.</li> <li>An estimated 10,000 gallons was released but was quickly contained.</li> <li>The line is back online and remains in service and functional. LACSD’s intention is to keep the lines functional and in service.</li> <li>During the work along PVDS, it was discovered that one manhole was severely affected by land movement. Emergency bypass repairs are currently being conducted. A resident called the 24-hour hotline to report the breakage.</li> <li>LACSD’s lines are gravity fed.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Sewer Lines: Seaview Neighborhood	LACPW: Mains Homeowners: Laterals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LACPW have found that some sewer laterals are disconnected. The City advises residents to have their laterals inspected by a plumber to make sure that they are still connected to the system.</li> <li>They are looking to get contractors involved.</li> <li>The repairs should take two weeks once scheduled. It is expected that the locations are on Exultant, Admirable, and PVDS. Residents in these areas request that they be informed on outages as early as possible.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Sewer Lines: Portuguese Bend Community	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was one repair in conjunction with LACSD, as discussed above.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Power Poles Repairs	Southern California Edison (SCE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A pole replacement off Admirable Drive is occurring today.</li> <li>SCE has safety concerns for sectionalization in the Seaview neighborhood. SCE and the City are committed to quickly finding a short-term solution, with a longer-term solution to follow. If an acceptable and safe solution cannot be found, SCE may need to consider de-energization.</li> <li>Safety concerns include where the land is moving significantly near Dauntless/Exultant and poles are pulling apart. Nearby areas are also connected to the grid at this point.</li> <li>SCE is working with their engineers to determine the area and number of residents this may affect, as well as some procedures.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Gas Lines: Portuguese Bend	SoCal Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates are made every Tuesday to their website (see last week’s notes).</li> </ul>	Ongoing

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Community and Seaview Community		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SoCal Gas is installing isolation valves in the Seaview neighborhood. They should be finished with the 13<sup>th</sup> valve tomorrow. They also added some in PBC.</li> <li>• SoCal Gas continues to conduct daily walking surveys.</li> <li>• Residents are requesting that crews put the landscaping back in place on a reasonable schedule. Gabriela Medina will follow up and report back.</li> <li>• Potential leaks should be reported immediately to (800) 427-2200.</li> <li>• Regular Customer Service can be reached at (877) 238-0092.</li> </ul>	
Water: Seaview Neighborhood	Cal Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction on exultant is complete. Pressure testing and water quality testing will be conducted this week. When the tie-in is scheduled, residents will be notified.</li> <li>• Construction on Admirable is next.</li> <li>• Cal Water requests that residents maintain common courtesy with Cal Water field crews.</li> </ul>	TBD
Water: Portuguese Bend Community Association	Cal Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction on Narcissa and Vanderlip is in progress.</li> </ul>	TBD
Water: Portuguese Bend Beach Club	Cal Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cal Water is still coordinating with PBC HOA.</li> </ul>	TBD
<b>CITY</b>			
Portuguese Bend Landslide EIR, Final Engineering, and E1/E2	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City's contractors and consultants are continuing with boreholes and design work for deep dewatering wells.</li> <li>• Initially, we will start with one deep dewatering well. If the technique is successful, more will be implemented.</li> <li>• The City's team is working through a plan for additional boreholes through the entire slide; this includes Altamira Canyon,</li> <li>• The City is also working on the winterization plan. Crews are doing reconnaissance in the area for critical fissures and drainage solutions.</li> <li>• City crews identified drainage pipe under PVDS have damage and are not conveying water and require repairs. The City is looking at trenchless technology. If trenchless contractors are not available, the City will consider an open cut.</li> </ul>	October 2024
PVDS at Peppertree Drainage	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repairs are scheduled this week.</li> </ul>	TBD
GPS Surveying of Landslide Movement	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
PVDS Roadway Repairs	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates.</li> </ul>	Ongoing

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Seaview Neighborhood Roadway Repairs	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Drainage Source Study	City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City is working to finalize the scope for the drainage source study.</li> </ul>	TBD
<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>PBCA approved two bids, one for work at the Narcissa gate to remove asphalt and replace it with CMB.</li> <li>Asphalt road repairs will be conducted on Peppertree near Sweetbay.</li> <li>Cinnamon will be graded so that there is access at Lower Cinnamon.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
KCLAD Dewatering Wells	KCLAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KCLAD had success with wells this week.</li> <li>At the two shallow wells; one is crushed, the other's vault is broken, but it has a new pump and pumping 20-30 gpm.</li> <li>The new well is pumping 80 gpm.</li> <li>The older well is pumping 48 gpm.</li> <li>The power system was upgraded for all pumps.</li> <li>On Friday, the new well was in place and was pumping 200 gpm. The pump wiring needs to be upgraded. KCLAD hopes that upgraded wiring will increase the volume to 400 gpm.</li> <li>During drilling for the next/fifth well, the rig had problems. It should be back the week after next to start drilling again.</li> <li>The water table is down about 10 feet. This should be easier to monitor with the new wells online.</li> <li>Monitoring data will be published when it's ready.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Klondike Canyon Fissures	KCLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City crews have removed the tarps.</li> <li>KCLAD is working with a contractor to do grading.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Klondike Canyon Culvert and Pipe	KCLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project is still under discussion. KCLAD will share the plans when they are ready.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Lower Seaview/ PVDS at Klondike Canyon Drainage	KCLAD & City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project is still under discussion. KCLAD will share the plans when they are ready.</li> </ul>	TBD
ACLAD Dewatering Wells	ACLAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well #16 is newly sheared and the pump was abandoned. A surface pump was installed and is pumping about 5-10 gpm.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
General Maintenance	ACLAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were line breaks this past week on Thursday and Friday. They were repaired and are currently back on.</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
Altamira Canyon Lining	ACLAD, RPV, and LACPW (Flood Control District)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates.</li> </ul>	TBD