



City of Rancho Palos Verdes – Program Manager RPV PBL Q&A MEETING AGENDA AND NOTES

Date/Time: November 20, 2024, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm PST

Topic: **RPV PBL Q&A 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; John Fox (attorney); Jeremiah Sunwoo, Noel Casil, Nic Grillo, John Cruikshank; David Bradley, Cheri Bailiff, Catherine Jun, Luna Mohammad, Diego Ascensio

Los Angeles County Disaster Management Area G: Brandy Villanueva

California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES): Anna Hurt

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

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

Klondike Canyon Landslide Abatement District (KCLAD): Steve Cummins

Abalone Cove Landslide Abatement District (ACLAD): Gordon Leon

Seaview Residents Association: Kit Song, Rayne Sherman, Deirdre Heimer

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

Portuguese Beach Club HOA: Michael Barth, Andrew Ely

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy: Cris Sarabia

Cal Water: Ralph Felix, Augie Beaza, Kimberly Caballero

Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas): Ben Steinberger

Southern California Edison (SCE): Celina Luna

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

Los Angeles County Public Works (LACPW): Alex Villarama, Robert Swartz, Brian Kane (fire department), Teagan Ferdinandsen, May Hong

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

Wayfarer's Chapel: Peter Gottschalk, David Brown

Additional Community Members: Geraci, Eva Albuja, Kathy Snell, Tami Podesta, Leanne Twidwell, Nancy Kalthoff, Larry Maizlish, Peter Shaw, Rafaela Diaz, Max Barth, Madeleine McJones, Robert Quintero, Sha, Karen Miller, Steve Hinchliffe, Marianne Hunter, Sheri Hastings, Lenee Bilski

(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 <p>City Update (this could include updates on emergency declaration(s), geological and/or geotechnical, mitigation projects, project funding, and other topics)</p> <p>At the 11/19/2024 meeting, the City Council renewed the local emergency declaration and for the de-energization. The state will consider a declaration on 12/16/2024. The City Council also received an update from staff on the current projects; it is recorded and will be provided to the public.</p> <p>Winterization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Altamira Canyon is nearly done. Some more sandbags are being placed. Klondike Canyon work is underway. The City is making sure that their efforts are in collaboration with KCLAD. This includes a canyon lining. In the Seaview neighborhood, re-grading work at graben is underway. Along Palos Verdes Drive South (PVDS), the service road cul-de-sac is being regraded. Next steps are in Portuguese, Ishibashi, and Paintbrush canyons. The City is keeping a close eye on the weather. Kelvin Canyon work began with clearing and grading. The lining is to follow within the next couple of weeks. <p>Deep Dewatering Wells (DDW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are ten DDWs in service pumping more than 875 gpm. They are identified as DDWs 1-8, 9a, and 10. Locations are shown in the 11/19/2024 City Council Staff Report. The City will continue to update the map as more DDWs are added. Total to date, there has been more than 50 million gallons of water extracted from the slide's toe. This translates to 155-acre feet. Survey results continue to show that the DDWs have substantial results. There is greater reduction of movement near the DDWs than other slide areas. DDW 11 should be completed and online before Thanksgiving. The City Council will provide guidance on requests as the project results continue to provide data. The City needs to finish installing the DDWs that have existing funding so that we can present the results to City Council. Each landslide area has different characteristics and variations; therefore, project results can vary. <p>Project Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City continues to seek additional avenues for funding, including grants. <p>See the City's report on the landslides and DDWs. The reports are sent out on ListServ and are posted on the City's website at this link:</p> <p>https://www.rpvca.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=117</p>	Ramzi Awwad Ara Mihranian Brandy Villanueva Mike Phipps
<p>General Comments or Questions (from stakeholders or the public)</p> <p>Question: For AB57, how far has it moved south, east, and downward? Why is the water pressure, fire road, Kelvin culvert, and Vanderlip sinking suddenly?</p> <p>Answer: Ramzi Awwad will look that up in the reports and get back to Kathy Snell</p> <p>Question: Could we keep the other abandoned wells documented on maps for the public and City, or they should get removed and easements released?</p> <p>Answer: The City has all records on past wells. Whether they get removed</p>	Ramzi Awwad Ara Mihranian Stakeholders Attendees

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immediately is not a City priority. The current priority is the emergency mitigation projects.	
Question: After the City Council meeting, Councilmember Seo mentioned there was a recent meeting with Verizon discussing some new cell sites. Does the City know the timelines and commitment level?	
Answer: The City has been coordinating with Verizon on several small wireless facilities. The City is trying to determine locations based on lower land movement locations. Verizon has not made any time commitments.	
Question: What was the follow up on SCE easements (related to the door-knock survey)?	
Answer: The City asked SCE to share their information. SCE is putting that information together and will share it with the City when it is ready. The City and SCE communicate every couple of days.	
Question: Does the City have a scheduled meeting with SCE tomorrow to discuss these issues. The residents ask that SCE be open and honest with their intentions.	
Answer: Yes, the City has a check-in meeting with SCE tomorrow. The City agrees that it is everyone's best interest that information is shared.	
Question: Could the peninsula (or RPV south side) be energy independent from the utilities for longer-term infrastructure alternatives? (i.e. energy pod)	
Answer: Ramzi Awwad's engineering mind says given enough time and money; the answer is yes. Whether is it viable and practicable, there are still many outstanding questions. The City has done some research, but needs more information to determine if short- or long-term solutions are implementable. The City's goal for the landslide is to build a system in the ultimate buildout that is resilient to reasonable variations and intensities of storms.	
Question: Last night there was a comment about getting Rolling Hills more involved with the landslide solutions. Given that RPV is taking their canyon lining right up to the border, will Rolling Hills's inaction jeopardize RPV's work?	
Answer: Not necessarily. The City will line the canyon within RPV. The City desires to and is trying to coordinate with Rolling Hills. The City is also looking to conduct a drainage study (the "request for proposals" process is currently underway). This will study what is happening beyond our City that affects our City, including attempting to get Rolling Hills's septic systems data.	
Question: Any update from Frontier? We've had no service for weeks.	
Answer: Frontier is figuring out how to repair the severed lines, as well as develop better long-term solutions. It is a work in progress.	
Question: As far as the water tank leak, did you get a chance to review all the runoff on the acacia trees around the east side? The new growth from unexpected water should be starting this spring, potential affecting the area's fire risk for next fall.	
Answer: Ramzi Awwad has discussed this internally (within the City) but has nothing concrete to report today.	
Question: Will a City Council member attend the meeting with SCE tomorrow?	
Answer: Ramzi Awwad does not know about tomorrow's meeting. He will circle back with Ara Mihranian to find out.	
Question: I am worried that the way you now ignore old dewatering wells and drainage infrastructure will be how the City will ignore these new DDW structures	

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<p>when they are sidelined, it is not transparent and left on people lots as garbage, I understand your man power but it would be good not keep them in documentations we see.</p> <p>Answer: The old dewatering wells were not ignored. They stopped functioning due to land movement. The new DDWs are a different type of wells and Ramzi Awwad does not see that these wells will be ignored in the future.</p>	
NEXT MEETING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occurs the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 3:00 pm PST. The next meeting is 12/4/2024. • Regular Meeting Format: This meeting will be held virtually via Teams. • 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). • Please email landmovement@rpvca.gov with individual public/resident concerns, issue reports, or complaints. 	Ara Mihranian Jayme Fairfield