



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

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

Topic: **RPV PBL Q&A Meeting**

Attendees: **City of Rancho Palos Verdes:** Ara Mihanian, 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: Nancy Kalthoff, Kathy Snell, Marianne Hunter, Sha, Larry Maizlish, Madeleine McJones, Tami Podesta, Peter Shaw, Karen Miller, Steve Hinchliff, Robert Quintero, Eva Albuja, Max Barth, Geraci, Deborah Berg, Rob K, Ray, Sheri Hastings, Nikki Noushkam, Stephen Kowalski, Tony

(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."*

AGENDA ITEMS	Presenter(s)
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>Deep Dewatering Wells (DDW):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDWs 1-6 west of PBCA is pumping a combined 560 gpm. This is close to the original rates with some expected reduction. • DDWs 7-8 had not been discharging water due to becoming compromised due to land movement. The team was determining if the sites could be redrilled or if alternate locations needed to be determined. DDWs 1-6, 9a, and 10 are too far away from DDWs 7-8 to be pulling water from that area. Towards the end of this meeting, the City received and shared the information that DDWs 7-8 are now back online. • DDWs 9a and 10 are pumping at a combined 80 gpm. • DDW 11 should be operational by the end of week. • All DDWs combined are pumping a total of 735 gpm, or 1 million gallons per day. • Total to date, there has been 66 million gallons pumped, or 222-acre feet. • The City geologists say there is no concern of deflection. <p>Winterization Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed work includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Altamira and Kelvin Canyons ○ West of Altamira Canyon grading and other mitigation measures. The City will keep an eye on the forecast and repair cracks that have started to form since the winterization efforts commenced. ○ Paving at Exultant • 40-50% done at Klondike Canyon, specifically at gabion wall protective liner (detention pond to storm drain outlet). It is designed to not obstruct drainage at PVDS. • Upper Klondike Canyon measures will commence in the coming weeks in conjunction with Rolling Hills. • The team is returning to the graben at Dauntless and Exultant. Work will include regrading to create two low points so that water can be pumped out. The visqueen will be removed and a permanent liner be installed. • Work in the Reserve should be completed by the end of the year. • RPV met with Rolling Hills staff to discuss work in Klondike Canyon so that Rolling Hills can use the information to formulate their plans, and so that future work can be coordinated. 	<p>Ramzi Awwad Ara Mihranian Brandy Villanueva Mike Phipps</p>
<p>General Comments or Questions (from stakeholders or the public)</p> <p>Question: Are there emergency pumps available for the corner of Cinnamon and Narcissa.</p> <p>Answer: The City will inspect that area. Gordon Leon/ACLAD purchased a pump yesterday to be used in the area.</p> <p>Question: At the Exultant graben, what size pipe will be used to remove water from this area?</p> <p>Answer: It is a 15" pipe.</p>	<p>Ramzi Awwad Ara Mihranian Stakeholders Attendees</p>

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<p>Question: When the pump pumps the water from the graben, how will it be done?</p> <p>Answer: There will be diesel powered motors (not electric). The City will closely monitor the area during wet weather.</p> <p>Question: Is there a way for residents immediately adjacent to the graben(s) to contact the City if the area's water rises?</p> <p>Answer: The City will provide a way (phone or other) for immediate reporting.</p> <p>Question: Where are the storm drains located that David Copp was talking about?</p> <p>Answer: In the near term, the area will be monitored. The curb and gutter were patched. Repairs will be a mix of new and existing drainage features to drain the area. This area can be monitored by City staff during wet weather. The design should be ready in the next couple of weeks, and David Copp can share this with Deborah Berg when it's ready.</p> <p>Question: What was done in Kelvin Canyon?</p> <p>Answer: We took a similar approach as in Altamira Canyon: grading, reshaping, and installing liners.</p> <p>Question: What has been done to slow water flow in Altamira?</p> <p>Answer: A headwall will collect flow about halfway down and divert the water to a drainage pipe.</p> <p>Question: Does the City have the numbers/data on the water spill weeks ago?</p> <p>Answer: The City is still working with Cal Water on the data. Looking at the City's instruments' data, it does not appear to have caused additional land movement.</p> <p>Question: Does the City have any approach to the Acacia trees (questions asked in previous weeks).</p> <p>Answer: Ramzi Awwad is still reviewing this matter with his team. Measures will be taken in Spring.</p> <p>Question: Can the City provide advice on filling driveway cracks?</p> <p>Answer: There are a variety of materials, but the City cannot provide advice without knowing the specific situation.</p> <p>Question: Does the City have land movement data since 10/27/2024 available?</p> <p>Answer: There is an issue with a formula in the spreadsheet so the error will be fixed before the information is released.</p> <p>Question: Where is the Indian Wells Spring water going? What was done in Altamira Canyon to slow water down?</p> <p>Answer: The water is being diverted to ACLAD well #15. It is currently pumping 17,000 gpd. The well pumped about 7,000 to 8,000 before that.</p> <p>Question: Why are we not tapping/draining from springs?</p> <p>Answer: We only have a single spring. The geologists call it a "seep" and it comes from an area with no plumbing or power. A weir has been built and water is diverted to a tank and pump.</p> <p>Question: When will spring users have access to the water?</p> <p>Answer: This is still on Gordon Leon/ACLAD's list. Gordon does not have a date. He will contact Kathy Snell to coordinate.</p> <p>Question: When is the next City Council meeting that will have a landslide update?</p> <p>Answer: 12/16/2024, and City staff will ask City Council to extend the declaration.</p>	

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<p>Question: What about the electrical post at the end of Schooner, from Southern California Edison (SCE) and SoCal Gas?</p> <p>Answer: The City has not received info from SCE and are waiting to see their proposed plans. The City and SCE have met to coordinate. The City has been urging SCE to return service and SCE has been trying to develop a plan to bring customers in certain areas back on line. Switching vendors can take quite a long time.</p> <p>Question: Cal Water and Malcolm had been using Vanderlip as a staging area. Cal Water stated to Sheri Hastings that they will not repair the road. Sheri submitted a formal request to Cal Water and can send photos. Can the City do anything to expedite this?</p> <p>Answer: Once the photos are submitted, the City will give Cal Water a reasonable time to respond. If it takes longer, the City will coordinate with Cal Water. David Copp stated that Cal Water has not recently been using Vanderlip with dump trucks. Ramzi Awwad asked Sheri to please let him know how Cal Water responds.</p> <p>Question: Is there an update from SoCal Gas? The resident(s) state that they were not informed about the leak.</p> <p>Answer: The City has been coordinating with SoCal Gas and understands the importance of gas in the winter. SoCal Gas states they need to assess the integrity of the system over time, and they are looking at all options for being able to restore service. The City will share any info they get.</p> <p>Question: Sha has been without electricity and gas for three months and no access to basic utilities. During the last year, at least two times the electricity has been off. Celina stated to file a claim for damages. SCE has denied Sha's claims.</p> <p>Answer: SCE is not on the call today and Ramzi Awwad does not have the answer to this. We can ask this again at the next meeting.</p> <p>Question: SCE and SoCal Gas donated money to the Rotary Club a few months ago and as far as residents know the money has not been dispersed. Can the City, SCE, or SoCal Gas follow up with the Rotary Club?</p> <p>Answer: Luna Mohammad said she has been in contact with the Rotary Club and will follow up with them.</p> <p>Question: Can the cul-de-sac at the end of PVDS used as a temp access for staging area be restored so it's not used?</p> <p>Answer: Ramzi Awwad made the request to Cal Water. Brandon Mesker will follow up with them.</p> <p>Question: What is the status of SCE power in Seaview? What are SCE's actionable demands to be able to restore power to the area? Can the City request this in writing?</p> <p>Answer: The City asked SCE what the thresholds are to be able to restore power. SCE is still performing the analyses to develop the threshold. The City has not been given a date for these answers and will continue to follow up. The City will send a formal request in writing for the thresholds by a certain date.</p> <p>Question: A homeless person with a sleeping bag has been knocking on doors and looking for empty houses. Eva Albuja requests that the City coordinate with the police.</p> <p>Answer: Ramzi Awwad stated the City would contact the police.</p>	

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<p>Question: The damage claim application was rejected for political reasons rather than landslide related. Resident(s) need help with wording to get a loan for solar and/or propane.</p> <p>Answer: The City provided a letter/language to use. The City will look into this and provide further direction.</p> <p>Question: Is there anything can be done to help with solar rebates?</p> <p>Answer: Ramzi will discuss this with Ara and report back.</p> <p>Question: Why is SCE not at these meetings?</p> <p>Answer: They are invited and Ramzi Awwad will talk to them to make sure they will attend.</p> <p>Question: David Weekly [from the county assessor's office] is only providing adjustments to property taxes for yellow and red tagged homes. I have no electric and gas, property damage, and no reduction in property taxes. What help can the City provide to put pressure on them?</p> <p>Answer: Ramzi Awwad will add to his list for follow up and report back.</p> <p>Madeleine McJones stated that the assessor verbally said to her at his front desk that he would not do anything until after the deadline.</p> <p>Question: I thought I heard Ramzi say that SCE says they are not returning in the near future? Did SCE say that? Did Plumtree and Fruittree get re-energized?</p> <p>Answer: Ramzi Awwad said no; SCE did not say that.</p> <p>Question: Regarding SCE rebates, the accounts were not cancelled, and the residents are still SCE customers. Residents were told they could apply for rebates. Is this true and is there help to apply for the rebates?</p> <p>Answer: The City will follow up and share info.</p> <p>Additional Item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Copp stated that canyon liners are very slippery when wet and signage will be posted to keep people out. 	
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 12/18/2024. 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. 	<p>Ara Mihranian Ramzi Awwad Jayme Fairfield</p>