



RANCHO PALOS VERDES

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

Date/Time: April 2nd, 2025, 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, David Bradley, Cheri Bailiff, Catherine Jun, Luna Mohammad, Diego Ascencio, Deanna Fraley, Lukasz Buchwald, Russ Bryden

Los Angeles County Disaster Management Area G: Brandy Villanueva

California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES): Anna Hurt

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

Klondike Canyon Landslide Abatement District (KCLAD): Steve Cummins, Steve Hinchliff

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, Gabriela Medina

Southern California Edison (SCE): Celina Luna, Haig Kartounian, Kari Gardner

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

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, Ted Brodeur

Wayfarer's Chapel: Peter Gottschalk, David Brown

Additional Community Members: Madeleine McJones, Geraci, Sha, Kathy, Larry Maizlish, Nancy Kalthoff, Rafaela Diaz, Lenee Bilski, Peter Shaw, Lee Jester, Tami Podesta

(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	
City Update (this could include updates on emergency declaration(s), geological and/or geotechnical, mitigation projects, project funding, and other topics)	Ramzi Awwad Ara Mihranian Brandy Villanueva Mike Phipps
Deep Dewatering Wells (DDW) <ul style="list-style-type: none">DDW 1, 3, and 4 have been successfully redrilled.DDW 4 was relocated from its original position before redrilling.All DDWs are now redrilled and operational; however, current productivity is below average. <p>Pumping rate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">660 gallons per minute (combined)Approximately 1 million gallons per dayTotal pumped to date: 185 million gallons (equivalent to 575 acre-feet)	
Winterization Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none">The rainy season is nearing its end, with an expected conclusion by April 15th.Clean-up and final touch-up work is currently underway.Pumps at the Dauntless and Exultant sites are scheduled for removal. However, they will remain on standby in case of unexpected rainfall. <p>Observations from previous rain events indicate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The small amount of water entering the intersection originates primarily from runoff in a nearby park.Road runoff is being effectively captured by the designated drainage systems.	
Landslide Monitoring Points Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none">A comprehensive GPS survey is currently underway and is expected to be completed by mid-next week.	
Utility Updates	
Frontier Communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">No new updatesMoving forward with the installation of Fiber	
Cal Water: <ul style="list-style-type: none">No significant updates at this time.Work is ongoing on Burma Road.Q: What were the cones near the Cal Water infrastructure being used for and are there alternatives?A: The cones are marking the locations of acoustic sensors. The Cal Water team will further investigate the use and possible alternatives.Q: What caused the second pipe break at the corner of Dauntless and Admirable?A: The exact cause is unclear, as there has been no visible land movement in the area. The City of RPV and Cal Water will continue to investigate.Q: What is included in Phase 2 of the Burma Road work?A: Phase 2 involves road restoration in the area that was previously washed out.	
Southern California Edison (SCE):	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Long-term infrastructure improvements are being planned in the Seaview and Beachclub area.In areas not eligible for reenergization (such as PBCA), there are still facilities requiring maintenance to remain in compliance, regardless of their current energy status.Q: Would you like PBCA to provide additional information on areas of concern?A: SCE crews are already aware of those areas, but SCE welcomes any further information via email for consideration.	
SoCal Gas <ul style="list-style-type: none">Finalized a draft survey to be distributed to impacted residents to better understand expectations and feedback on service restoration.Once survey responses are compiled, SoCal Gas will schedule a webinar to share additional details on the restoration timeline and procedures.The survey is tentatively scheduled for distribution next week.Q: Do you anticipate service being restored by next winter?A: Yes. The design of the pipe response model is 90% complete, so service should be restored well before next winter.Q: Is this timeline applicable to all areas?A: Seaview will have service restored first, followed shortly by Beachclub.Q: Is Portuguese Bend included in the restoration plan?A: No, Portuguese Bend is not included.Q: The east side of PBCA has not experienced any gas leaks despite ongoing land movement. Would you consider investigating this area further for potential restoration?A: Please specify the area in an email, and SoCal Gas will forward the information to its engineering team for further review.Q: Is the removal of meters in Seaview an indication that service will not be restored?A: No. This is routine maintenance and safety work. The home is still scheduled for service restoration.	
LACSD <ul style="list-style-type: none">Continuing pipe installation on the land side of PV Drive South, near the former Wayfarers Chapel.Working on final alignment modifications to present to the City for review.Awaiting delivery of several parts; final construction schedules will be released soon.Q: Is LACSD installing the equivalent of swing joints or some sort of expansion joint?A: Yes. There are five cross connections, each equipped with 24-foot-long expansion couplings that allow for necessary movement and adjustments.	
LACPW <ul style="list-style-type: none">No updates	
PBCA <ul style="list-style-type: none">No updates	



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Abalone Cove Landslide Abatement District (ACLAD) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current focus is on the installation of approximately \$1.5 million worth of Deep Dewatering Wells (DDWs).• The wells are 250 feet deep, with the bottom 50 feet filled with gravel to allow for effective water flow.• So far, 7 wells have been drilled, an 8th well is in progress, and a 40-foot-deep monitoring well is also being installed.• A 4-inch auger well has been placed in Well #7 as part of an ongoing experiment.• Out of the new wells, 6 have been fully developed, meaning debris has been cleared from the bottom to improve performance.• There are challenges procuring pumps, as the volume of water in each well depends on pump capacity, and some pumps have extended lead times.• Q: What is the depth of ACLAD's DDWs compared to the City's DDWs?• A: Depths vary based on the location of slip planes. The City can publish information comparing well depths to the depth of local slip planes.	
Klondike Canyon Landslide Abatement District (KCLAD) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Updates• Focused on completing winterization and drainage improvements	
Seaview HOA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seaview would like to be involved in any terms regarding the discussion on exploring options for the Dauntless and Exultant intersection	
Beach Club HOA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No updates	
General Comments or Questions (from stakeholders or the public) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Q: Are there any updates from the groundwater usage study conducted by IMAC?• A: Yes, the study has been published and will be made available on the City's website.• Q: Are there any updates on the cracks that formed on Admirable near the cul-de-sac?• A: City geologists determined these are not new cracks, but rather the reopening of previously patched cracks. The cause is not land movement but localized hydro compression of soils due to a prior water line break.• Q: What is the status of the Landslide Complex Drainage Study?• A: The City is currently in discussions with vendors and the item will be presented to City Council at the first meeting in May.• Q: Who owns lower Vanderlip Drive? A sinkhole has appeared across from the fire road on Kelvin Canyon that needs attention.• A: The City Attorney's office has issued a legal opinion on ownership, and the City will publish this report.	Ramzi Awwad Ara Mihranian Stakeholders Attendees
<p>The City's hotline for immediate response for landslide emergencies is now active at (800) 698-3385. City crews will respond immediately. This hotline has also been publicized by the City.</p>	



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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 will be 4/16/2025.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 Ramzi Awwad