



RANCHO PALOS VERDES

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

Date/Time: May 07<sup>th</sup>, 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, Sha, Kathy Snell, Larry Maizlish, Nancy Kalthoff, Rafaela Diaz, Tami Podesta, DB, Eva Albuja, Marianne Hunter, Megan Turner, Nikki Noushkam

(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."*



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<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>	
<b>City Update</b> (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
<b>Deep Dewatering Wells (DDW)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DDW 10 has been recently redrilled and will be online soon</li><li>DDW 9A, 2, and 6 have pinched and are also planning to be redrilled</li><li>Dewatering rates are lower than average due to the pinching of wells</li><li>Details can be found in staff report and meeting minutes from the City Council meeting from May 6<sup>th</sup></li><li>Continuing to monitor DDWs and look for options to optimize expenditure</li></ul> <p>Pumping rate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>670 gallons per day (combined)</li><li>Total pumped to date: 215 million gallons (equivalent to 660 acre-feet)</li></ul>	
<b>Winterization Measures</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Winterization measures have been completed</li></ul>	
<b>Landslide Monitoring Points Survey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mostly steady state</li><li>Reduced land movement for the Abalone Cove Sub-slide, some areas near the toe are below the 4" per week which is lower than prior months</li><li>No measurable movement in the Klondike Canyon Slide, localized vertical settling but not consistent</li><li>To better manage funds, the full survey will be completed monthly and the partial survey in between full surveys. Full surveys are available at the beginning of the month and partials at the middle.</li></ul>	
<b>Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Q: What's the status of repairs for sewer lines in the upper PBCA area?</li><li>Director of PW: Repairs are performed as needed.</li><li>Q: When was the last break and what is the condition of the pipe?</li><li>Maintenance Superintendent: Possible breaks every week so repairs are conducted regularly. Last major sewer repair complete about two weeks ago along Vanderlip and continuing to monitor sewer line.</li><li>Q: What is the status of the sheared well near the ski jump along PVDS?</li><li>Director of PW: Possibly referring to DDW 8 and is scheduled to be repaired.</li><li>Q: What is the status on the sheared DDWs near the Beachclub?</li><li>Director of PW: DDW 2 is being scheduled for repairs following the repair of DDW 9A. DDW 6 will also be repaired following DDW 2.</li><li>Q: Could the City comment on the \$16M grant that was expected and what are the chances of receiving this money?</li><li>Director of PW: The City was originally selected for a grant from the Building, Resilience Infrastructure, and Communities (BRIC) Program through FEMA. Originally \$23.3M but was revised to exclude the emergency measures, brought it down to \$16.4M. The City was awarded funding for design which was \$2.3M. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, the City was informed that FEMA is discontinuing the BRIC program as a whole and a logical stopping point for approved projects would be found. Projects that have not been awarded funding, in this case the City's project, will ultimately not receive funding. City is preparing to</li></ul>	



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<p>apply for Hazard Mitigation program where City believes it qualifies although not a timely effort.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Q: Are there discussions on possible alternative funding methods?</li><li>• Director of PW: Staff considering various revenue sources and will be providing options to City Council. An example, possible PVDS toll road will be presented to City Council.</li><li>• Q: Which City Council meeting is the PVDS toll road going to be presented?</li><li>• Director of PW: Tentatively scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in July. Will be a discussion of preliminary ideas and possible studies.</li><li>• Q: When will the next full survey be completed?</li><li>• Director of PW: Next full survey will most likely be published early next week.</li></ul>	
<u>Utility Updates</u>	
<p><b>Frontier Communications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No new updates</li><li>• Working with right of way specialists to iron out details regarding easements</li><li>• Project continues to move forward in positive manner.</li><li>• Q: Is there concern with leaning pole near Burma trails along PVDS and potential to cause a fire?</li><li>• Frontier Representative: The network is not energized so no concern with potential fire. Frontier will follow up on this issue.</li></ul>	
<p><b>Cal Water:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Burma phase 2 has begun this week with brush clearance</li><li>• 2 more prospective projects on Vanderlip and Sweetbay. No start date yet.</li><li>• Q: What kind of obligation does Cal Water have to provide water to fire hydrants?</li><li>• Cal Water Rep: Cal Water is committed to providing water through these difficult times.</li><li>• Q: Is there an update on the orange cones and water main sensors throughout Seaview?</li><li>• Cal Water Rep: Missing cap on fire hydrant replaced. Cones required for safety and visibility.</li><li>• Q: What is the timeline for above ground pipes in Seaview to be placed below ground?</li><li>• Cal Water Rep: Above ground lines will remain and no plans to place them below ground. Any modifications to above ground water mains would require extensive geologic and engineering review and no plans to carry out these reviews.</li><li>• Q: What was the cause of the major water rupture that happened a few days ago in Seaview?</li><li>• Cal Water Rep: Cal Water does not have this information yet and is still under investigation</li><li>• Q: What was the cause of the second pipe break on Dauntless and Admirable that happened in March?</li><li>• Cal Water Rep: Both pipe breaks were due to tree root intrusion</li></ul>	
<p><b>Southern California Edison (SCE):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No representative present</li></ul>	



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<b>SoCal Gas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reenergization of Seaview still projected to begin Quarter 2</li><li>• Q: What is the timeline for reenergization?</li><li>• SCG Representative: Construction to begin in quarter 2 although exact date not determined.</li><li>• Q: What type of construction will be performed and what streets should be concerned?</li><li>• SCG Representative: Construction is referring to reenergization of gas in Seaview neighborhood and will be done safely.</li><li>• Q: Will there be new equipment installed in Seaview?</li><li>• SCG Representative: Combination of retrofitting equipment and new equipment.</li><li>• Q: Will equipment be above ground or below ground?</li><li>• SCG Representative: Combination of both but mostly below ground</li></ul>	
<b>LACSD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuing to repair curb and gutter along PVDS</li><li>• Complete repave of the ocean side on Friday and hill side of PVDS will hopefully be complete by Saturday</li><li>• Starting cross connection work next week Monday</li></ul>	
<b>LACPW</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No representative present</li></ul>	
<b>PBCA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue to repair roadways</li><li>• Gates are being solar powered and are fully functional</li><li>• Installing lights by the gate</li></ul>	
<b>Abalone Cove Landslide Abatement District (ACLAD)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5 DDWs are operational and there are more being drilled</li><li>• 2 operational Monitoring Wells</li><li>• Generating over 40 gal/min</li></ul>	
<b>Klondike Canyon Landslide Abatement District (KCLAD)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 working wells, wells number 5 and 6</li><li>• Depth to water is 90'</li><li>• Combined production rate of 210 gal/min</li><li>• Q: What is the status of the meters being installed on the wells?</li><li>• KCLAD Rep: The meters have been ordered and will hopefully be installed sometime this month</li></ul>	
<b>Seaview HOA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Updates</li><li>• Q: Are there any updates on the box loop being installed by SCE on Dauntless?</li><li>• Director of PW: City working with SCE and City Manager preparing to send letter to SCE with requests.</li></ul>	



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<b>General Comments or Questions</b> (from stakeholders or the public) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Q: Commend Ramzi for the briefing package presented to City Council last night, can you send out a copy of it?</li><li>• Director of PW: Too large to send via email but will be posted on City website. Maybe possible to PDF document and send out.</li><li>• Q: Is there an update on the Hydrology study?</li><li>• Director of PW: City Council elected not to award a contract to engineering company for surface hydrology and hydraulics study because Council wanted to include a subsurface study. Impetus for the study was City allowed development that rerouted runoff/ drainage. Part of study was to determine how development over the years changed flow path. Also study if water can be diverted out of canyon. City Council felt better to come back with those elements and below ground elements, look at it as a whole package.</li><li>• Q: Return to council in June or July?</li><li>• Director of PW: The goal is June, could be July.</li><li>• Q: Would it be useful to bring Rob onboard to review the hydrology study since he is also conducting one?</li><li>• Director of PW: Rob has been contacted and will speak more with Rob about going in a new direction.</li></ul>	Ramzi Awwad Ara Mihranian Stakeholders Attendees
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.	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Occurs the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 3:00 pm PST. The next meeting will be 5/21/2025.</li><li>• Regular Meeting Format: This meeting will be held virtually via Teams.</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><li>• Please email <a href="mailto:landmovement@rpvca.gov">landmovement@rpvca.gov</a> with individual public/resident concerns, issue reports, or complaints.</li></ul>	Ara Mihranian Ramzi Awwad



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