



RANCHO PALOS VERDES

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

Date/Time: August 8th, 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, Darius Vitkus

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, Jim Knight

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, Roger Phillips, Jeremy Califano

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

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, Cecilia Dominguez

Wayfarer's Chapel: Peter Gottschalk, David Brown

Additional Community Members: Sha, Larry Maizlish, Nancy Kalthoff, Rafaela Diaz, Tami Podesta, Eva Albuja, Robert Geraci, Peter Shaw, Deborah Berg, Marianne Hunter, Madeleine McJones, Sheri Hastings, Eric Johnson

(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 Brandy Villanueva Mike Phipps
Deep Dewatering Wells (DDW) <ul style="list-style-type: none">DDW 8 is being redrilled; expected to be operational next weekDDW 9A is experiencing pump issuesOverall piezometer data is showing slight uptake in pressures due to recent shearing on wells and pump maintenance	
Winterization Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none">Field reconnaissance is scheduled with the geologists to develop plans for winterization within City Council Approved Budget	
Landslide Monitoring Points Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none">Data for July survey will be presented to the City Council as part of the August 19th meetingAugust survey underway	
Comprehensive Hydrology Study <ul style="list-style-type: none">Public Services Agreement to be presented to City Council on August 19thStudy will include all the watersheds that contribute to the landslideWill include an assessment of recent rainfall dataThis is the first pass at determining if it feasible to reroute water away from the landslide area at the source including what type of infrastructure, permits, and prices would be needed .	
Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Q: Will LA County be open to collaboration following the hydrology study in order to streamline certain processes?A: The first engagement will be access to County records for data collection and permitting requirements. City has made many attempts to connect with external support and will continue to do so.Q: What is the specific criteria for the houses in Seaview that are in or being added to the landslide area and is it possible for the City to be more transparent with the requirements to be excluded from the landslide area?A: Noted, will follow up with City Officials.Q: Will this project include the removal of plastic lining from Klondike Canyon and switch to more permanent drainage solutions?A: There is no project outlined yet, this is a study with a scope of determining the requirements to reroute surface runoff and a subsurface characterization to better site dewatering wells.Q: What happens to the asphalt grindings that are being taken from the PV Drive South street resurfacing and are they being dumped in the preserve?A: The asphalt grindings are not being dumped in the preserve and are donated to be reused for roadway resurfacing elsewhere.Q: How different is the H&H study versus the original remediation plan?A: The remediation plan included drainage swales where water can be conveyed down to the ocean once it passes through the slide area. The H&H study takes a different approach as it seeks to conclude if it possible to reroute the water before it hits the landslide.	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Q: What is the catchment area for the water that could potentially affect the landslide?• A: That will be determined by the study.• Q: Any discussions about making PVDS a county roadway?• A: No there has not, not sure if they would want to take on that responsibility.• Q: What is the winterization budget in comparison to last years budget?• A: This years winterization budget will be about the same with varying budgets depending on the area.	
<u>Utility Updates</u>	
SoCal Gas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Almost finished with construction in Seaview neighborhood• Construction teams will be moving down to Beachclub following the completion of Seaview• No timeline for the work yet but anticipating about the same as Seaview, a couple months• Will be going door to door in Beachclub and PVDS letting customers know what can be expected from the work being done and what to do to be prepared• Flyer posted on SCG website outlining restoration readiness: SCG PV Restoration Readiness Flyer 7-25.pdf• Q: Will residents have issues accessing their driveways during construction?• A: SCG will reach out to residents should their home be affected by the construction.• Q: If gas service needs to be restored later would there be an additional cost for the resident?• A: No there would not be an additional cost for the resident.	
Frontier Communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fiber build is ongoing in the PBCA• Easement report has been submitted to the City, working through some questions• May need some assistance with an individual resident on Figtree and getting the individual to cooperate.• Q: Is it possible to go around the residents home?• A: Alternate route is being worked on with collaboration from the city.	
Southern California Edison (SCE): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepared to install a proactive innovative solution called the tension release strategy this summer in Seaview and Beachclub• Intended to increase resilience and lower risk associated with downed wires• As part of this project, there will be inspections in preparation for the upgrades• Q: Are there any updates on the solar system rebates that were being offered and who is the point of contact regarding that.• A: This concern will be forwarded to the department of consumer affairs.	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Q: Can you explain where the criteria of less than 1" per week in the PBCA came from?A: That number is closer to pre 2023 numbers of land movement although not as low as it was prior. SCE is optimistic that it will be reached and the tension release strategy can be implemented in PBCA once that requirement is met.Q: Has there ever been a downed wire that caused a wildfire in the PBCA since it was deenergized last year?A: There was a powerline that went down last year where had it been energized it could have potentially started a fire.Q: Is there equipment change needed to install the upgrades in Seaview and will there be any outages?A: SCE sent out dear neighbor letters to those potentially impacted by the upgrades, more information will be available as a timeline is established.Q: Is there progress on the box loop agreement up on Dauntless?A: Discussions are underway and SCE is working with the City.Q: Have you considered a temporary substation to energize some of the wells in the PBCA?A: SCE will continue to explore options while waiting for the land movement to subside.Q: Are you considering any undergrounding?A: Not considering any undergrounding due to ease of maintenance and for easier visual inspection of the tension release strategy.	
Cal Water: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Road restoration is complete on Burma road so water main installation has begunWork on Narcissa has been completeVarious segments of pipe will be brought above ground along Sweetbay, start day not established yet.Q: Is the entire pipe on Sweetbay going to be above ground?A: Not the entire segment, should be various segments but more details will be provided as they are available.	
LACPW <ul style="list-style-type: none">No representative presentRPV on Behalf of LACPW: Will be doing some work on the sewer lines in SeaviewWill include some work on Dauntless and Exultant in collaboration with the city over the next few weeksQ: Where will the equipment be stationed?A: More details can be provided as they are available.	
LACSD <ul style="list-style-type: none">The sewer main lines are fully charged and is currently going through punchlist processThere are some trenches and driveways that need to be filled and pavedRemoved all the old steel pipeA substantial portion of the project has been completed	



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General Comments or Questions (from stakeholders or the public) 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.	Ramzi Awwad Stakeholders Attendees
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 7/02/2025.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.	Ramzi Awwad



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