



RANCHO PALOS VERDES

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

Date/Time: July 16th, 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

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: Madeleine McJones, Sha, Larry Maizlish, Nancy Kalthoff, Rafaela Diaz, Tami Podesta, Eva Albuja, Adrianna Elihu, Robert Geraci, Lee Jester, Peter Shaw, Lenee Bilski, Deborah Berg, Robert Quintero, Kathy Snell, Marianne Hunter, Karen Miller, Dee, Sha,

(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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City Update (this could include updates on emergency declaration(s), geological and/or geotechnical, mitigation projects, project funding, and other topics)	Ramzi Awwad
Deep Dewatering Wells (DDW) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DDW-8 has sheared and requires redrilling. A plan has been developed, with redrilling anticipated next week.• DDW-6 showing potential issues; further investigation required.• Combined pumping rate is above 1.0 million gallons per day	
Winterization Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparations underway for 2025–2026 rainy season.• Geologists to conduct site visits and develop modification plans for existing and new measures.	
Landslide Monitoring Points Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 1 survey results circulated to HOAs and posted on City website.• Initial data shows a positive impact from deep dewatering wells installed by ACLAD using City loans.• Continued data collection planned (GPS and subsurface water pressure).	
Palos Verdes Drive South (PVDS) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• K-rail installed near Wayfarers Chapel to contain debris.• Contractor mobilizing to reshape slope to reduce future debris movement.• General repair work on PVDS to start next week.	
Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Q: Along PV Drive South, are we actually seeing a greater differential between rising and lowering elevations—creating a second ski jump—and if so, do we have plans to smooth it out?• A: Yes, these features form due to differential movement between the sub slides near Inspiration Point and may require additional measures beyond the typical repairs. Such measures are being reviewed with consideration for budgetary constraints.• Q: In the Abalone Cove region, GPS data shows only minor improvements—3.5 inches/week down to 3.35. Why aren't we seeing decreases like Beach Club?• A: There are greater density of wells and differing operational practices between the areas. Increasing the pumping duration during a given day may yield better results.	
Utility Updates	



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SoCal Gas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Five homes have been re-energized.• Crews now working door-to-door on Admirable and Dauntless streets.• Checklist to be issued outlining homeowner responsibilities.• Work on Portuguese Bend Beach Club expected to follow in coming weeks.• Q: Is SoCal Gas also planning for Portuguese Bend Beach Club? How will timing and coordination work?"• A: Work on Admirable/Dauntless first, then move toward Beach Club. Main line runs along PV Drive South into Beach Club; main line projects must proceed first.	
Frontier Communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internal build projected to finish by end of July.• Conduit work pending City coordination.• Estimated timeline: 3-4 months for full-service availability.• Q: What is the estimated timing before residents can expect service?• A: Internal build to be completed by the end of July with full service availability in 3-4 months, subject to City approvals.	
Southern California Edison (SCE): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No representative present	
Cal Water: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crews currently working on Burma Road and Narcissa.• Tie-in for Narcissa expected by end of next week; notifications to follow.	
LACPW <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No updates	
LACSD <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mainline charging expected complete by mid-next week.• Remaining work: trench backfill and pipe removal.• Coordination underway for potential Klondike area mitigation.	
Abalone Cove Landslide Abatement District (ACLAD) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently pumping approximately 230,000 gallons per day.• The east discharge line has been completed to the ocean and is functioning well.• All 10 deep dewatering wells are installed and operational.• Some wells are pumping at high capacity while others are underperforming, which is typical for the Abalone Coast geology.• Funds remain from the City loan; KCLAD plans to drill one or two additional auger wells with 4-inch casings (smaller than the standard 8-inch casing) to increase coverage at lower cost.• Q: After completion of the current work, will work on drainage improvements begin to avoid potential washouts during the wet season?	



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Klondike Canyon Landslide Abatement District (KCLAD) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two active wells (Well 5 at 80 ft depth and Well 6 at 84 ft depth) are producing 87 gallons per minute combined.• A third well (Well 7) is currently being drilled to a depth of 250 ft to access a deeper water source.• Mass grading for a storm channel down to the ocean has been completed.• Additional work underway on Yacht Harbor Drive to redirect runoff from abandoned 48-inch lines and a 30-inch storm drain into the channel.• A meeting with the Sanitation District is scheduled (22nd of the month) to coordinate drainage infrastructure.• Storm drain work is expected to be completed by the end of September, in advance of the rainy season.	
Seaview HOA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No formal report was provided at this meeting.• HOA representative advised they would follow up as necessary in the next meeting.	
Beach Club HOA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major repairs ongoing on Yacht Harbor Drive due to severe roadway damage.• Most drainage systems are functioning adequately; no new utility issues are reported.• Previously reported sewer pumping issues have been resolved in coordination with the County Sanitation District.• The current focus is on completing road rehabilitation, despite significant cost to homeowners.	
PBCA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduit work associated with PBCA projects is scheduled to start next week in designated right-of-way areas.• PBCA will submit final details or drawings to the City for review and next steps.	
General Comments or Questions (from stakeholders or the public) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Q: Can we arrange street cleaning on Exultant and other streets to remove dust and dirt from construction?• A: City staff will review and coordinate and provide notices to residents.• Q: What is the update on the fire plan submitted by PBCA?• A: Update will be provided by City staff (Luna Mohammad) separately.	Ramzi Awwad 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.	
NEXT MEETING	



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<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 5/21/2025.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