

## Berkeley-Dorchester Hazard Mitigation Plan

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Plan Update 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

Questions/Comments/Suggestions

2:00 pm, July 27, 2009, 1362 McMillan Avenue Suite 100, Charleston, SC 29405

**Members in Attendance:** Eric Greenway (Berkeley County), Megan Barkes (Michaux Conservancy), Tom Smith (Berkeley County), Greg Rines (Berkeley County), Monica L. Eustace (Dorchester County), Dennis L. Clark (Dorchester County), DouL Tompkins (Berkeley County), Rick Williams (City of North Charleston), Johnny Cribb (City of Hanahan), Ann Sports (DHEC Region 7), John J. Simkoxich (DHEC Region 7), Daniel Ben-Yisrael (City of Goose Creek), Susan Kammeraad-Campbell (CARRI and CofC), Jason L. Ward (Dorchester County), Franco Fida (Town of Bonneau) and Roy Pipkin (Town of Jamestown).

**Welcome/Introduction:** Alec Brebner, BCDCOG, welcomed the attendees and explained the reason of the meeting. Each member was asked to introduce him or herself and tell the group which jurisdiction/organization they were from and what their position was with this entity. Mr. Brebner gave a presentation on the Berkeley-Dorchester Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and the requirements for the plan update.

**Questions/Comments:** There were no questions or comments during the presentation. At the end of the presentation, Alec Brebner asked for some comments/concerns/questions, and Mr. Clark raised the point of why it took so long to start working on the update of the plan. Mr. Brebner mentioned that it was a money issue. He mentioned that not until July 14, 2009 had the BCDCOG received the approval to start using the SC Emergency Management Division Planning Grant.

**Related Efforts:** Mr. Brebner mentioned that other ongoing projects such as *Creating Resilient Communities* and *CARRI* groups were working on similar efforts. Findings from these projects could be incorporated into the BDHMP, like some hazard and biodiversity data collected by *Creating Resilient Communities* group and the transportation information gathered by the *CARRI* group.

On other note Mr. Brebner mentioned that a survey similar to the one used in the previous plan will be created to prioritize the goals and objectives for the multi-jurisdictional plan. This survey will also help local jurisdictions assess if the goals and objectives should be change. Each local government will be asked to develop an action plan, with COG staff assistance, to implement the goals and objectives.

**Timeline:** Alec Brebner discussed that BCDCOG will be working on the risk assessment section and survey development within the months of July and August. At this point he asked to schedule the following meetings for the group to revisit the goals and objectives and to stay updated with the ongoing review process. The meetings were schedule for: Monday August 24,

2009 at 2:00 pm and Monday September 21, 2009 at 2:00 pm. Mr. Brebner mentioned that staff should have a first draft ready to send by September 27, 2009, which is the deadline set by SCEMD. The federal deadline is March 27, 2010.

**Discussion/Suggestions:** Mr. Clark suggested targeting the right people at local jurisdictions to ensure involvement of the community and success in the update process of the plan. He also suggested outreaching local jurisdictions by sending them a summary of the meeting, the timeline for the project and a copy of their goals and objective section to actively involve them. He mentioned that the right person should be contacted to not lose time and efforts.

Other comments included involving the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) Environmental Quality Control (EQC) office.