

**Task Force Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2022  
Virtual WebEx Meeting  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Meeting began at 2:03 pm with the following members, agencies, and support staff in attendance.

VM = Voting Member

**Attending Voting Members and Support Staff**

District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water)

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| 1. David Gadis   Co-chair (VM) | 3. Salil Khakar     | 6. Kirsten Bowen Williams |
| 2. Nadine Headley              | 4. Apera Nwora      |                           |
|                                | 5. Barbara Mitchell |                           |

District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)

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| 1. Director Tommy Wells   Co-Chair (VM) | 2. Nicholas Bonard   |
|   | 3. Meredith Upchurch |

District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA)

1. Vermechia Alsop
2. Anne Graf
3. Kenya Troutman

District of Columbia Office of Planning (OP)

1. Stephen Gyor (VM)

District of Columbia Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking (DISB)

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| 1. Sharon Shipp   |                     |
| 2. Philip Barlow  | 4. Patrice Garnette |
| 3. Philip Edmonds | 5. Angela King      |

District of Columbia Office of Risk Management (ORM)

1. Robert Preston

District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)

1. Christopher Bailey (VM)

**Attending Consulting Members and Support Staff**

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG)

1. Steve Bieber



# DC Flood Task Force Meeting Minutes

District of Columbia Building Industry Association (DCBIA)

1. Cell Bernardino

Washington Gas

1. Manny Geraldo

## **Facilitation Team - Monash Advisory Group**

1. Monte Monash
2. Adria Anderson
3. Rachel Kendrick
4. Nick Hall

## **Other Attendees**

### **2:03pm | Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Monte Monash welcomed everyone and acknowledged it was Infrastructure Week. Monte went over the Flood Task Force Summary explaining how the Task Force came to be, by whom, identified members, and shared the schedule and frequency of the meetings.

### **2:08pm | Opening Remarks**

Director Tommy Wells identified the support staff working on his team to help guide this Task Force. He shared that the Task Force was made up of the best and brightest subject expert matters and commended the Task Force for working together, and across agencies to accomplish the goals. He acknowledged the Task Force as providing a blueprint for leveraging funding opportunities in the future.

CEO David Gadis spoke on additional background of the task force, the current status, and acknowledgement of team. He explained how the Storm from September 10, 2020 informed the development of the Task Force and noted the great work and progress occurring due to having the best people on the Task Force.

### **2:15pm | Action Plan Development**

Salil Kharkar introduced to the Task Force the general overview and development of the Action Plans. Currently, there are 20 + Action Plans. Salil provided the schedule and breakdown of how the Task Force would get through all 20+. Today the Task Force would hear a presentation on the first 6 Plans and have the time between the next Task Force Meeting to read Action Plans, comment on them, share the Action Plans with the public for their comment, incorporate those comments, and have the Task Force review the final plans with comments before the Next Task Force meeting. Upon the July Task Force meeting, the members were expected to be ready to vote on the 6 Action Plans, and then hear a presentation on the next 7 – 15 Action Plans. The following meetings will be designed to vote on previously represented plans, and hear remaining Action Plans. Below are the Action Plans presented on today's call:

- 3.1 Develop Program to Floodproof homes and Provide Resilience Upgrades – DOEE
- 6.1 Update DOEE Flood Hazard Rules – DOEE

- 6.3 Pass DC B24-0410 “Flood Resilience Act” enabling to Action 6.1 – DOEE
- 7.3 Use results of 2020 USACE modeling to update Watts Branch FEMA maps - DOEE
- 7.4 Use results of 2019 USACE modeling to update Oxon Run FEMA maps - DOEE
- 8.4 Conduct Yearly Interagency Outreach – DOEE

Nick Bonard began to present the List of action plans. He noted that the Action Plans covered today had limited funding requirements, except for 2 which he would go into detail. He also said that today would be an Overview of the Plans. After the meeting the Action Plans would be shared in a Word document to the Task Force and Public to review and comment during the review/comment period.

### **Meredith Upchurch**

- Overview
  - Reduce risk of water damage from coastal or riverine flooding
- Implementation
  - Equity – reduced risk of flood insurance
- 6.1 DOEE Flood Hazard Rules
  - Overview
    - Reduce long-term flood risk
    - Protect high tide areas
  - Implementation
    - Equity – reduce risk to new homes; \$200,000 improvement threshold to single-family homes
    - Timeline – initiating formal rulemaking process

### **Nick Bonard**

- 7.3 Update Maps in Watts Branch
- 7.4 Update Maps in Oxon Run
  - Overview
    - Army Corps completed better modeling
    - DOEE to notify/outreach to affected residents (\$6000)
    - Update will reduce number of homes in floodplains
- 8.4 Conduct Yearly Public Outreach
  - Overview
    - Coordinate annual outreach efforts: mailers, Flood Awareness Week, public advertising campaign, etc.
  - Implementation
    - Equity – focus on the most flood vulnerable communities
    - Timeline – annual
    - Budget - \$70,000 – FEMA grants, local budget
- Word Documents of each action plan to be delivered 5/19
- Votes to be administered 7/20

### **Questions/Comments**

Tom Glassic – When are comments due on action plans presented today?

Julie Koster – Can you remind me where the infrastructure list fits into this? – TBD

**Philip Barlow**

- Flood and Sewer Line Backup Insurance
  - Current options
  - Action Team currently developing 2-3 proposed solutions

**2:50pm | Residential Resilience**

**Salil Kharkar**

- Sewer Line Backup & Backwater Valve
  - Draft overview

**2:55pm | DMOI**

- Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Projects

**2:50pm | Governance & Coordination**

**Meredith Upchurch**

- Flood Mitigation Planning & Coordination
  - Silver jackets
  - Conduct yearly outreach

**Vermechia Alsop/Salil Kharkar**

- Flood Emergency Planning & Response
  - Install flashing warning signs at oft-flooded intersections
  - Develop a visual platform for emergency response agencies

**3:10pm | Next Steps**

**Nick Bonard**

- Review 6 action plans presented

- Lead agencies begin preparing Action Plans to present in July
- DC Flood Task Force members email list
- Upcoming Task Force meetings

## 3:15pm | Closing Remarks

**Tommy Wells/David Gadis**

**The meeting ENDED at 3:18 pm.**

### **Additional Materials**

A copy of the staff presentation used during the meeting and the meeting recording can be accessed at [dcfloodtaskforce.org](http://dcfloodtaskforce.org).

Action plans to be delivered to participants by end of week.