

DC Flood Task Force | Action Team Meeting: Governance and Coordination



Governance and Coordination Action Team Meeting Minutes March 11, 2022 | 9:30 am – 11:00 am WebEx Meeting

Meeting began at 9:33 am with the following members, agencies, and support staff in attendance.

Attending Voting Members and Support Staff

Deputy Mayor for Operations and Infrastructure (DMOI)

1. Alan Propp
2. Robert Preston
3. Johnathan Rogers

District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water)

1. Salil Kharkar
2. John Lisle
3. Apera Nwora

District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)

1. Meredith Upchurch
2. Martin Koch
3. Lily Chen
4. Victor Ukpolo

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

1. Vermechia Alsop
2. Melissa Deas
3. Carolyn Mejia

District Department of Transportation (DDOT)

1. Ravi Ganvir

District of Columbia Office of Planning (OP)

1. Stephen Gyor
2. Elisa Vitale

District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

1. Brent Sisco

DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

1. Richard Livingstone

DC Department of General Services (DGS)

1. Matt Floca

DC Office of Risk Management (ORM)

1. Jane Waters

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District Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)

1. Danny McCoy

DC Department of Public Works

1. Andrew Gerst
2. Timothy Spriggs

Attending Consulting Members and Support Staff

DC Office of the People's Counsel (OPC)

1. Grace Soderberg
2. Yohannes Mariam

DC Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency (DCCCR)

1. Sandra Knight

National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)

1. Julia Koster

U.S. Army Corps of Engineering Baltimore District (USACE)

1. Stacey Underwood

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG)

1. Steve Bieber
2. Katie Dyer

District of Columbia Building Industry Association (DCBIA)

1. Cellerino Bernardino
2. Erika Wadlington

Apartment and Office Building of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA)

1. Glen Hugo

Washington Gas

1. Manuel Geraldo

Facilitators and Support Staff

1. Monte Monash
2. Adria Anderson
3. Rachel Kendrick

9:33 am | Welcome

Facilitator Monte Monash welcomed everyone, shared a summary of the Task Force meetings and schedule.

9:40 am | Action Plan Template

Salil Khakar of DC Water

10:36 am | Discuss Infrastructure Project List

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Alan Propp from DMOI led the Action Team in collaborating to identify all known infrastructure projects in the District. The Action Team worked together to add additional projects to the list.

10: 17 am | Review Action Ideas

Meredith explained the updates made to the scoring matrix that involved the values for Benefit-Effort, and color scheme changes. She shared that today, the focus was to look at current Action Ideas that were active and identified as having the greenlight to-go, to prioritize moving those Ideas into Action Plans. Action Category leads facilitated a discussion on each of the five Action Categories listed below.

5) Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Projects

Lead: Alan Propp (DMOI)

Brent suggested measuring action ideas on project readiness, stakeholders, and risk.

Alan communicated that at a later time, [they] could expand the definition on the criteria.

6) Regulations, Legislation, Compliance, and Permitting

Leads: Meredith Upchurch (DOEE)

6.1 has been ongoing for years, so it can be identified as green-lighted.

6.2 Is already in progress.

6.3 Has been introduced by DC Council. There was a hearing in December 2021 and January 2022.

6.6 Coordinating to ensure the entire process covered various permit types.

Flood Resilience Amendment Act of 2021

- Gives DOEE the right to regulate the 100-yr floodplain
- Authorizes DOEE to regulate

7) Mapping and Modeling

Leads: Salil Khakar (DC Water) and Meredith Upchurch (DOEE)

Discussion topics and findings:

Mapping procedures have come along. Will be awarding a contract soon.

7.3 & 7.4 use modeling data already performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It was asked if once the 2 were implemented, if it would change the map. Stacey said it is pretty far off.

7.5 may be able to be green-lighted because it is already in the works. DC Water could lead but would need other agencies to help complete the work.

10:42 AM *Chat from Victor Ukpolo to all panelists:* 7.7 can also be described as “developing administrative procedures for conducting NFIP required substantial damage assessments”. It’s important to note that this is different from the required damage assessments.

10:44 AM *Chat from Victor Ukpolo to all panelists:* The three primary agencies for this activity would be DOEE, DCRA, and HSEMA.

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10:49 AM *Chat from Victor Ukpolo to all panelists:* Ok, yes, sorry that is modeling. Disregard.

8) Flood Mitigation Planning and Coordination

Lead: Alan Propp (DMOI)

Team agreed with suggested green-lit projects

Flood Emergency Planning, Response and Recovery

Leads: Vermechia Alsop

10:52 AM *Chat from Victor Ukpolo to all panelists:* Developing Administrative Procedures for Substantial Damage Assessments is probably better for section 6.

Meredith discussed next steps for the Action Team to complete by or before the March meeting. Monte gave updates on the Public Listening Session and shared the tentative dates of March 2022.

10:55 am | Closeout

Homework for each agency was communicated and agencies were encouraged to begin to think about which agency will lead each action.

Important Dates

- Next Task Force meeting – March 16, 2022, 2 – 4 PM
- Next Residential Resilience – April 12, 2022, 2:30 PM – 4 PM
- Next Governance and Coordination Action Team meeting – April 15, 2022, 9:30 – 11 AM *To be reschedule**

The meeting ENDED at 10:58 am.