



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

**Item 8.2**

PRESENT TO BOARD: JULY 22, 2020

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE  
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: THOMAS C. LEITZEL

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom", is placed over the name Thomas C. Leitzel.

SUBJECT: LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION STRATEGY (LMS) PLAN

College staff worked closely with Highlands County staff and several other local governments and associations to update the multi-jurisdictional Highlands County Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Plan. The plan was prepared in accordance with federal regulations and has been approved by the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), pending adoption of the plan by participating entities (see attached letter from FDEM). The College has participated in the development and implementation of the LMS since inception, with staff participating in amendments and updates throughout the years.

A major objective of the five-year update to the LMS is to maintain eligibility to apply for and/or receive project grant funding for Highlands County and its participating jurisdictions. Local governments must have an LMS approved by FEMA in order to be eligible for hazard mitigation assistance programs, including the Hazard Mitigation Program and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation, Flood Mitigation Assistance, and Severe Repetitive Loss programs.

Our staff has reviewed the plan and recommends adoption of the attached resolution.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

**Move to accept and adopt the Highlands County Multi-hazard Local Mitigation plan.**



STATE OF FLORIDA

## **DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

Jared Moskowitz  
Director

May 11, 2020

LaTosha Reiss, Director  
Highlands County Emergency Management  
6850 West George Blvd.  
Sebring, FL 33875

Re: Highlands County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved Pending Adoption

Dear Director Reiss,

This is to confirm that we have completed a State review of the Highlands County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) update for compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards contained in 44 CFR 201.6(b)-(d). Based on our review and comments, Highlands County developed and submitted all the necessary plan revisions and our staff has reviewed and approved these revisions. We have determined that the Highlands County LMS plan is compliant with federal standards, subject to formal community adoption, for the jurisdictions below:

City of Avon Park  
City of Sebring  
Highlands County, Unincorporated  
School Board of Highlands County  
Sebring Airport Authority  
South Florida State College  
Spring Lake Improvement District  
Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District  
Town of Lake Placid

Upon submittal of a copy of all participating jurisdictions' documentation of their adoption resolutions to our office, we will send all necessary documentation to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who will issue formal approval of the Highlands County LMS.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your LMS Liaison Dan Curcio at [Daniel.Curcio@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Daniel.Curcio@em.myflorida.com) or 850-815-4504.

Respectfully,

**Miles E. Anderson**

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Miles E. Anderson,  
Bureau Chief, Mitigation  
State Hazard Mitigation Officer

MEA/dc

Attachments: MEMORADUM: State approval of LMS plans under Program Administration  
by States (PAS)

cc: FEMA Region IV, Mitigation Division – Risk Analysis Branch

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE  
PERTAINING TO  
THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY;  
PROVIDING FOR  
SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**Whereas**, the South Florida State College is vulnerable to natural and man-made hazards; and  
**Whereas**, the District Board of Trustees of South Florida State College (Board) supports efforts to make the community more disaster resistant, thereby reducing the cost of disaster, preventing or mitigating the impact to South Florida State College stakeholders and reducing time needed for recovery; and  
**Whereas**, the Highlands County Local Mitigation Strategy represents a unified county-wide strategy toward a more disaster-resistant community; and  
**Whereas**, the Highlands County Multi-Hazard Local Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with *44 Code of Federal Regulation 201.6*; and  
**Whereas**, the Board has reviewed the Highlands County Multi-Hazard Local Mitigation Plan and affirms that the Highlands County Multi-Hazard Local Mitigation Plan will be updated no less than every five years; and  
**Whereas**, the South Florida State College has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Highlands County Multi-Hazard Local Mitigation Plan and the actions in the Highlands County Multi-Hazard Local Mitigation Plan.

**Now therefore, be resolved on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 that,**

**Section 1. Amendment and Adoption.**

- 1) The District Board of Trustees of South Florida State College hereby accepts and adopts the Highlands County Multi-Hazard Local Mitigation Plan.
- 2) The South Florida State College staff are requested and instructed to pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of the proposed designated in the Highlands County Multi-Hazard Local Mitigation Plan.
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**Section 2. Severability.**

The sections, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Resolution are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subsection or section of this Resolution shall be declared invalid, unconstitutional or unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, subsections, and sections of this Resolution.

**Section 3. Conflict.**

Any resolution or part thereof in conflict with this Resolution or any part hereof is hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section 4. Effective Date.**

The Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**So resolved,**

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Dr, Thomas C. Leitzel, Secretary  
South Florida State College  
District Board of Trustees

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Date

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Dr, Thomas C. Leitzel, Secretary

South Florida State College

District Board of Trustees

7-22-20

Date

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