

AGENDA
Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) Committee Meeting
Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009 – 2 p.m.
State Capital Building
House Committee Room 3

I. Call to Order

II. Roll call

III. Chairman of the Committee Introduction

IV. Implications of Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs)

Presentation by Marisa Robertson, LRA Strategic Planning Manager and Kris van Orsdel, LRA Infrastructure Policy Director

[-Breakdown of Katrina/Rita, Gustav/Ike public assistance \$ C-G in new v-zones (KVO)]

[-Breakdown of permanent/temporary housing needs in new v-zones (Marisa)]

V. DFIRM Accuracy Concerns

Presentation by Dr. Roy Dokka, Director, LSU Center for GeoInformatics

[-Systemic data sampling errors]

Presentation by Jerome Zeringue, Deputy Executive Director, Louisiana Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration

[Parish specific errors (Cameron from LGH, Orleans, Terrebonne). Update of all parishes DFIRM status]

VI. Overview and Status of State Efforts to Challenge DFIRMs

Update by Robin Keegan, Deputy Director, Louisiana Recovery Authority

[share letters sent, any updates received from FEMA]

VII. Approaches to Challenge FEMA

Jerome Zeringue, Deputy Executive Director, Louisiana Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration

[Update of all parishes DFIRM status.

Lead Discussion on how our approach depends on FEMA's response;

FEMA may: 1) ignore request, 2) re-examine data at fema's expense, 3) agree to re-examine data in coordination with the state or require state to produce data at our expense.

Staff recommends option 2 of course, but anticipates possibility of 1 or 3.

State will work with state/local officials for sign off along the way.

Zeringue will also explain to committee the timeframe/process for FEMA to reexamine maps.]

VIII. Discussion: Preparing a Transition Plan for Adoption of Accurate DFIRMs

[-what will we do for areas accurately designated as high flood risk?

-potential of FEMA to use hazard mitigation 404 and 406 to do more?

-What other CPRA/parish protection efforts are there related to this long term transition?]

IX. Public Comments

X. Additional Remarks

XI. Adjournment