

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Governing Board Members

**FROM:** Carolina Maran, Ph.D., P.E., Division of Flood Control and Water Supply Planning

**DATE:** July 9, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of the 2025 Osceola County Local Mitigation Strategy

### **Agenda Item Background:**

Formal adoption of Osceola County's 2025 Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) update by the District's Governing Board is required to receive federal hazard mitigation grant program funding, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the District's projects in Osceola County. There is no cost for the District associated with the formal adoption of this plan.

The LMS was developed and revised by the Osceola County LMS Working Group, in coordination with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders having an interest in reducing the impact of disasters, and with input from the private sector and other members of the public. The purpose of the Osceola County LMS is to mitigate natural, technological, and human-made hazards that pose risks to public health and safety, threaten economic stability, and impact the quality of the natural environment. The Osceola County LMS provides a rational, managed basis for considering and prioritizing mitigation options, and for developing and executing sound, cost-effective mitigation projects. The Osceola County LMS provides a basis for justifying the solicitation and use of local, state, and federal funding sources to support hazard mitigation projects and initiatives.

### **Additional Item Background:**

- The 2025 LMS update was developed in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 201.6 and was approved for a period of five years pending formal community adoption by the jurisdictions in Osceola County, by the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM).
- The Osceola County Board of County Commissioners formally adopted the 2025 LMS update on May 4, 2026.
- The LMS allows communities to identify hazards and prioritize unfunded projects to mitigate those hazards when funding becomes available from local, state, and federal sources.
- The LMS adoption is required for eligibility to receive FEMA grant funding for hazard mitigation programs, both prior to and following a disaster declaration, including:
  - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
  - Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- The adoption of Osceola County's 2025 LMS update in accordance with FEMA's

Program Administration by States requirements, should be effective May 4, 2026, the date of adoption of the most current LMS.

- Osceola County's 2025 LMS can be accessed online at <https://sfwmd.link/4eGaEIZ>.

**Funding Source:**

There are no associated costs for the adoption of the Osceola County 2025 LMS update.

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