

to prioritization criteria that are deemed necessary. Each action is scored one to ten using the following criteria:

- Cost-effectiveness
- Health and safety
- Population benefit
- Community acceptance
- Feasibility of implementation
- Environmental soundness
- Technical feasibility

A Project Score Guide was submitted for each proposed project. Each Working Group member in attendance evaluates and scores the proposed project. An overall score will be assigned based on the individual scores - on the average. Should the parties concerned be unable to agree on the priority list, the prioritization list is presented to the County Board of County Commissioners with an invitation to the municipalities to present their views on the prioritization of the actions.

The County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group Chairperson or the Emergency Management Director presents the County's Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group recommendation. This procedure of evaluation is effective as of October 2009. The Local Mitigation Strategy Chair will monitor any changes and ensure that the information gets properly entered into the plan prior to the next scheduled meeting date.

Each mitigation project that is selected by the Working Group will benefit the community and preserve and protect life and property. However, each mitigation project represents a large investment of financial and personnel resources. Due to these facts, a method to prioritize each project was adopted. This prioritization method is used as a guide for those projects to be included in the mitigation strategy. This system also designates which projects are the first to be implemented after a disaster or when resources do become available.

In 2009, the LMS Working Group adopted a prioritization method based on the following criteria category:

- Percentage of the Population Benefited
- Percentage of the Affected Area Benefited
- Health and Safety Considerations (Countywide)
- Cost of Implementing the Initiative
- Benefit to Cost Ratio (FEMA Formula)