

# Draft Safety Element Review Guide for the Midcoast

## Midcoast Hazards

Below are the hazards with potential to impact the Midcoast area. To learn more about one of these hazards, please visit the matching Safety Element chapter. To search the Safety Element for policies and actions related to a hazards, hold down the ctrl + F keys, and use the search bar to search for these terms. Each Safety Element policy lists the relevant hazards in a green box.

### Hazards of Concern for the Midcoast



Flooding



Fire Hazards



Severe Weather



Geologic Hazards  
(including  
Landslides &  
Coastal Erosion)



Drought



Sea Level Rise



Seismic Hazards  
(including  
earthquakes and  
tsunamis)

## Key Findings from Outreach

These are the key findings from the April 28, 2025, Coastside Community Workshop:

- Concerns about **evacuation** constraints given the Coastside's limited transportation routes.
- Concerns about **wildfire** risks near residential areas.

- The need for better **emergency communication** systems.
- The importance of coordinating with local **Community Energy Response Teams (CERT)**.
- The need for more **educational outreach programs**, especially for youth.
- Additional concerns included **power outages** as a significant safety issue.
- **Flooding** problems in specific neighborhoods like Quarry Park in El Granada.

## Policies Relevant to the Midcoast

Below are policy numbers and titles that relate to the main areas of concern highlighted during the Coastside Community Workshop. For further details, please review the full policy and corresponding actions in the Safety Element.

### Evacuation

- Policy SE 3.1 Evacuation Access Standards
- Policy SE 4.1 Maintenance of Evacuation Routes
- Policy SE 5.2 All-Hazards Evacuation Plan
- Policy SE 5.3 Coordination for Effective Evacuations

### Wildfire

- Policy SE 2.3 Fire-Safe Education Programs
- Policy SE 3.21 Update Local Amendments to California Fire Code
- Policy SE 3.22 Fire Service Capability
- Policy SE 3.23 Fire Protection Plans
- Policy SE 3.24 Fire-Safe Design Regulations
- Policy SE 3.25 Avoid New Development in Fire-Prone Areas
- Policy SE 5.16 Home-Hardening Assistance
- Policy SE 5.28 Encourage Pre-Fire Planning Efforts
- Policy SE 5.30 Long-term Maintenance of Fire Hazard Reduction Projects

### Emergency Communication & Educational Outreach

- Policy SE 2.1 Public Education on Hazards
- Policy SE 2.2 Emergency Alert Systems

### Community Energy Response Teams (CERT)

- Policy SE 5.7 Community Emergency Response Team

### Power Outages

- Policy SE 4.3 Utility Resilience
- Policy SE 4.5 Critical Facilities Energy Resilience
- Policy SE 5.12 Emergency Power Supplies
- Policy SE 5.10 Mobile Resilience Resources

## **Flooding**

- Policy SE 3.16 Floodplain Management Regulations
- Policy SE 3.17 Areas of Special Flood Hazard
- Policy SE 3.19 Creek Buffers
- Policy SE 3.20 Avoidance of Creek Bank Armoring
- Policy SE 5.24 Collaboration with Local Community