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**THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO LAUNCHES
2021 MULTIJURISDICTIONAL LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE
MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INPUT**

The County of San Mateo, led by the Office of Emergency Services, has begun to develop the County's updated Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to address threats such as earthquake, flooding, extreme heat, and landslide.

The County needs your help identifying solutions to the problems associated with natural hazards.

For Phase 1, the public is invited to participate in the hazard mitigation plan by:

- 1) filling out a survey about San Mateo County's natural hazard risks
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RG5GTPS>,
- 2) attending the first virtual public workshop on Thursday, March 25 at 4:00 PM
<https://cmo.smcgov.org/events/march-25-2021-preparing-hazards-san-mateo-county-local-hazard-mitigation-plan-public-workshop>; and/or
- 3) attending a virtual Steering Committee meeting on March 22 at 2:00 PM
<https://cmo.smcgov.org/events/march-22-2021-hazard-mitigation-plan-update-steering-committee-meeting>.

An updated Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan will serve as a meaningful template for a more resilient and sustainable San Mateo County. The plan looks at how the County of San Mateo and its planning partners can reduce its impact of natural hazards such as earthquake, flooding, extreme heat, and landslide. Once approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the plan ensures the County of San Mateo and its partners remain eligible for pre- and post-disaster mitigation project grant funding through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs and other non-emergency disaster assistance like FEMA's new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. The County of San Mateo's current Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan expires in September 2021 (the Plan is updated every five years), so the 2021 update will remain active until 2025.

The planning process will be organized into three phases. Each phase will include opportunities for public input and feedback:

Phase 1 | March 2021 – April 2021

Take a survey!

Attend the first Public Workshop: March 25, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Attend a Steering Committee Meeting: March 22, 2021 and April 26, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Email comments: MJLHMP@smcgov.org

Phase 2 | May - June 2021

Review the StoryMap : an evolving and interactive component of the project website

Attend a Steering Committee Meeting: May 24, 2021 and June 28, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Email comments: MJLHMP@smcgov.org

Phase 3 | July - August 2021

Review the StoryMap: an evolving and interactive component of the project website

Attend the second Public Workshop: July 22, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Attend a Steering Committee Meeting: July 26, 2021 and August 23, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Review the *Draft* plan and submit comments. The plan will be posted to the website.

Email comments: MJLHMP@smcgov.org

More public engagement opportunities may become available throughout the process and, if so, will be posted to the project website: <https://cmo.smcgov.org/multijurisdictional-local-hazard-mitigation-plan>

For more information about the County of San Mateo's Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan or to learn about ways to participate in the development of the LHMP:

- Visit the project's website at: <https://cmo.smcgov.org/multijurisdictional-local-hazard-mitigation-plan>;
- Send an email to MJLHMP@smcgov.org; and/or
- Contact Ann Ludwig, Project Manager at 510-734-9831.

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