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County of San Mateo Launches 2021 Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Public Invited to Provide Input on Preparing for Natural Hazard Events

REDWOOD CITY — The County of San Mateo, led by the Office of Emergency Services, is in the process of developing the county's updated Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) to address natural hazards such as earthquake, fire, flooding, extreme heat, and landslide.

The County seeks the public's help in identifying solutions to the problems associated with natural hazards and invites residents to participate in the hazard mitigation plan by:

- 1) filling out a survey on actions the County and its partner agencies can take to help community members prepare for natural hazard events (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MHJ5YDJ>);
- 2) attending the next virtual public workshop on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021, at 4 p.m. (<https://smcgov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtceqoqzwwGdxF5Dt4Kt1yufuxwVgp99TJ>); and/or
- 3) reviewing the Draft Multijurisdictional Plan when it is released on Aug. 5, 2021. (<https://cmo.smcgov.org/multijurisdictional-local-hazard-mitigation-plan>).

The County of San Mateo's current Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan expires in September 2021. An updated Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan will serve as a meaningful template for a more resilient and sustainable San Mateo County. The 2021 update will remain active through 2025.

Once approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the updated plan ensures the County of San Mateo and its planning 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.

For more information about the 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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