

Sonoma County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting Summary

Date/Time of Meeting: Thursday, September 24, 2020

Location: Digital

Subject: Steering Committee Meeting No. 2

Project Name: Sonoma County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

In Attendance Attendees: 25 (21 SoCo, 4 TT)

Planning Team: Lisa Hulette, Bart Spencer, Rob Flaner, Carol Baumann, Des

Alexander

Not Present: N/A

Summary Prepared by: Des Alexander

Quorum – Yes or No Yes

Item Action

Welcome and Introductions

 Lisa Hulette welcomed members of the steering committee to the 2nd meeting for Sonoma County's MJHMP update

 Des Alexander did a roll call, where 21 committee members were in attendance, with 4 members of Tetra Tech also on the call.

• No members of the public were on the call.

Planning Process

- Motion to approve meeting summary for Steering Committee meeting 1 was made by Shari Meads, seconded by Kim Jordan, and approved
- All planning partners who wish to participate in process have been contacted
- Lisa and Bart discussed the draft mission/vision statement document that was sent to committee members. The document featured several sample mission and vision statements, as well as several goals and objectives
- Although several members did not have a comment, most of the comments that were made were focused on using fewer and more general words; making sure equity was factored into mitigation process, actions, and outcome; placing more emphasis on disaster mitigation with green infrastructure; separate natural and man-made hazards in the goals section

Previous steering committee meeting notes were approved





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Hazards of Concern

- The homework from the last meeting was briefly discussed.
 Considering the rescheduling of everything due to the wildfires, the county and Sonoma County-portion of the state HMPs will be discussed at the next meeting. Participating cities were also asked to review their individual HMPs if they had them.
- Bart discussed the differences between natural hazards and human-caused hazards, as well as how each will be covered in the HMP. For natural hazards, he discussed the importance of using historical data to track probabilities.
- It was proposed that severe weather, sea level rise, tsunami, dam failure, drought, and pandemic be added to the current countywide hazards of earthquake, flood, wildland fire, and landslide. Bart and Rob explained the justifications for each hazard, specifically pandemic. Rob stated it would be very difficult for the plan to get public and political support right now without any mention of pandemic mitigation. Pandemic would not get its own section like the other hazards, but would be looped into the "other hazards of concern" section
- Discussion included information that failure of Warm Springs
 Dam was analyzed and modeled as part of the NEPA process for
 constructing the dam; Lisa and TT will connect with Sonoma
 Water separately to get needed information; most supported
 listed and suggested hazards
- Motion to include all listed and suggested hazards made by Lisa Hulette, seconded by Kim Jordan
- Approved by committee

Phase 1 Annexes

- The instructions and phase 1 annex forms went to all participating partners. Tetra Tech is still in the process of receiving them, but they are due soon.
- Bart explains the three phased approach to the annex process.
 The first phase asks for general hazards throughout the county; the second phase seeks to build an HMP that is specific to its jurisdiction by ranking hazards accordingly; the third phase asks municipalities and districts to devise specific action items for them to take to mitigate those habits. Rob explained that there are different processes for municipalities and districts, so it is important that each one get the correct instructions.

Public Involvement Strategy

All listed and suggested hazards approved by consensus







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- Domenica stated that the website is in the process of being updated to better inform the public. She stated that there is room for a sub-committee to be created in the future to discuss strategies for website improvement.
- Bart also discussed surveys that can be sent out to engage the public. He explained that Tetra Tech would create a survey that would ask the public about their current knowledge of and level of preparation for relevant hazards
- Bart also said that committee members can send screenshots and descriptions of their public engagement strategies to Tetra Tech

Closing Comments

- Action Steps: Steering committee members will decide the best goals and objectives are best for the HMP. The goal is to pare the number of goals to 4-6 and the number of objectives to 8-12.
- Tetra Tech agreed to set up a poll for everyone to vote for the mission and vision statements, as well as top goals and objectives
- It was suggested that a cloud-based platform be set up to share information, including community outreach strategies and relevant data

Next Meeting Date

• October 22, 2020 from 1pm to 3:30pm

Adjourn

- Motion to close made by Lisa Hulette, seconded by Shari Meads
- Approved at 2:37pm

Tetra Tech agreed to create survey to send to committee

