Sonoma County MJHMP Steering Committee Meeting #7

Date/Time of Meeting:	Thursday, February 25, 2021
Location:	Digital
Subject:	Steering Committee Meeting No. 7
Project Name:	Sonoma County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
In Attendance	**Attendees:** County of Sonoma, Sonoma County PIO, City of Santa Rosa, City of Cotati, Sonoma Water, Sonoma County Emergency Management (Chris Godley for Ben Nichols), Cal Fire, Geyserville Fire District, CAL FIRE, The Nature Conservancy, Pepperwood Preserve, Community Development Commission, Sonoma County Winegrowers
	Planning Team: Lisa Hulette, Bart Spencer, Rob Flaner, Carol Baumann, Des Alexander
	Public/Other: None
Not Present:	Permit Sonoma (Planning), Permit Sonoma (GIS), County of Sonoma Fire Prevention, SC Ag + Open Space, Town of Windsor, Santa Rosa City Fire, Western Builders
Summary Prepared by:	Des Alexander
Quorum – Yes or No	Yes

Welcome and Introductions

- Lisa gave the overview of the agenda and goals of the meeting
- Des completed the roll call
- 13 member organizations were present, along with Tetra Tech team
- No members of the public announced themselves during the roll call.

Public Comment

- No comments from the public were made.

Planning Process

- Steering Committee asked to review and confirm minutes from meeting 6
- Moved by Chris Godley and seconded by Shari Meads
- Approved by committee

Old Business

- Bart says the plan progress is currently on track
- Committee Questions and Comments
  - When are we submitting?
    - Targeting June 30th for submission of the plan; everything needs to be done by June 15th. Bart goes through timeline of the plan from now until submittal to CalOES and FEMA. Bart talks to the group briefly about plan maintenance

strategy and how the StoryMap will be a Sonoma County-based tool for them to use on continued public engagement.

- Tetra Tech previews the StoryMap with the Steering Committee. This can be used as a holistic public engagement tool, with links to public meetings, steering committee minutes, FEMA grant information, hazard mitigation in Sonoma County, etc. Hazard tab page describes results of hazard analyses. Tetra Tech is working with Esri to get raster format of wildfire data.
- Rob informed community that we are using the FIRM data, but the PFIRM data can be analyzed by the county at a later day.

New Business

- Overview of Phase 3
  - Workshops
    - Upcoming dates for workshops will be in March and April
    - Working with fire districts, municipalities, and special districts
    - Risk rankings will be completed for each jurisdiction. They will be used to develop specific action items related to the hazards unique to your area
    - FEMA's BRIC funding will be 6% of the total of last year's disasters, presenting lots of opportunity for project funding
    - The goal is for the internal review draft of the plan complete by mid to late May
  - Discussion
    - The committee asks about lengthening the public comment period. Rob says that since this is a categorical exemption project, the public comment period does not need to be longer. He asks the group to investigate if we need to do a CEQA exemption for the plan.
- Plan Maintenance Strategy
  - Rob recommends an annual progress review format to assess progress on the MJHMP.

Public Involvement Strategy

- Lisa says that the public meeting for the plan is today from 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM. The steering committee is encouraged to attend, but there is no opportunity to participate in the presentation.

Other Discussion Items

- Since Tetra Tech will not have data to present to the group, there is no need to have a steering committee meeting in March. The next meeting will be in April.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mark Chandler and seconded by Adrianne Garayalde
- Adjourned at 1:55 PM