8.0 PLAN MAINTENANCE

The County and its departments have been continually implementing mitigation actions and monitoring their effectiveness since the last update of the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) in 2017. Some deferred projects from 2011 were completed successfully, while others are ongoing or still pending. This section sets forth the intended process for monitoring and maintaining the 2022 MJHMP.

8.1 PLAN REVIEW, MAINTENANCE, AND UPDATES

After FEMA approval and County of Santa Barbara (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) adoption, the MJHMP is integrated into the Safety and Seismic Safety Element of the County Comprehensive Plan by Board Resolution. County planning efforts and capital improvements directed by the County are influenced by the content and recommendations of the MJHMP. The MJHMP is also utilized and referenced to update the County Emergency Operations Plan and the County Comprehensive (General) Plan, as well as the efforts to develop the County’s Climate Change Adaption Plan.

The County of Santa Barbara Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is responsible for ensuring that this plan is being monitored and implemented. County OEM will call the Mitigation Advisory Committee (MAC) and the County Local Planning Team (LPT) to meet on an annual basis to review the mitigation actions outlined in this plan and to discuss progress. During these meetings, the MAC and LPT will develop a list of items to be updated, added, or removed in future revisions of this plan.

Major disasters affecting the County, any legal changes, and/or other events may trigger a meeting of the MAC or County LPT, at which point they will be responsible for determining if the plan needs to be updated before the mandatory five-year mark.

Department heads and other emergency preparedness staff who serve in the County’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will focus on evaluating the MJHMP in light of technological, budgetary, political changes, or other significant events that may occur during each year.

In addition to holding at least one annual meeting, the MAC and County LPT will meet to update the MJHMP every five years. To ensure that this update occurs in a timely fashion, after completion of the third year following plan adoption, the MAC and County LPT will undertake or attempt to hire a consultant to support the following activities:

- Thoroughly analyze and update the risk of natural and human-caused hazards.
- Complete a new community survey and conduct robust public outreach.
- Update goals and objectives for hazard mitigation planning.
- Provide a detailed review and revision of the mitigation strategy.
- Prepare a new mitigation implementation plan.
- Coordinate with the participating agencies to update the annexes to the MJHMP.
• Prepare an updated draft MJHMP and submit it to the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and FEMA for preliminary review.
• Submit the updated draft MJHMP to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.
• Submit the updated MJHMP to FEMA for final approval.

The public will continue to be involved whenever the plan is updated and as appropriate during the monitoring and evaluation process. Before the adoption of updates, the County will provide multiple opportunities for the public to comment on the revisions. A public notice will be published before the meetings to announce the comment period and meeting locations.

8.2 POINT OF CONTACT

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