

Agenda Item # 14
Date 3/25/20



March 4, 2020

RE: Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Hazard Mitigation
Plan Update Announcement

Dear Stakeholder,

The Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (District) is in the process of updating its 2016 Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Proactive hazard mitigation planning allows a community to take actions to reduce or eliminate threats from natural and man-made disasters. **You are receiving this letter and are encouraged to participate in this planning effort because your jurisdiction was identified as either an eligible participant, a potential stakeholder, or neighboring jurisdiction.**

HMPs are a requirement of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Once a community, county, or district is part of an approved plan, they become eligible for grant funding for a wide variety of projects listed in the plan. They are required to be updated every five years. This publicly guided document will identify vulnerability to natural disasters such as flood, drought, earthquake, wildfire, winter storm, tornado/high winds, and dam failure. The plan sets goals, establishes mitigation alternatives, and prioritizes projects which may reduce damages when future disasters occur. According to a 2018 study conducted by the National Institute of Building Sciences every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation, saves \$6 in post storm cleanup and rebuilding.

This effort is being guided by a Planning Team consisting of representatives from the District, county emergency management, communities, and stakeholders in the planning area. Public input will be gathered throughout the duration of the plan development through online tools and public meetings. All communities, counties, school districts, and taxing authorities within the District are eligible to participate.

The District hired JEO Consulting Group, Inc. (JEO) to assist with the plan development. This HMP update is funded by a FEMA planning grant. FEMA is covering 75% of the cost of the plan development and the District is covering 25%.

Please provide us with a primary point of contact for this important project and submit the contact information to llaster@papionrd.org. For more information on this planning effort, you can visit the project website at <https://papiomitigation.org/> or contact me at (402) 315-1773.

Sincerely,

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Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District

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