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PUBLIC ASKED TO REVIEW KERN MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, GIVE FEEDBACK
Review Period Open

AUGUST 20, 2020 – Kern County is seeking public input on the Kern Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan as part of natural hazard risk reduction efforts throughout the County. This is the community's chance to review and provide feedback on information regarding natural hazards in the area. We are also asking the public to review the mitigation strategy developed by the County and participating jurisdictions. Our strategy focuses on mitigating the effects of natural hazards through proposed actions that protect lives and property across the County.

Public input will ensure the priorities of the Hazard Mitigation Plan match those of Kern County residents.

The Kern Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) provides a formal explanation of prevalent hazards within the County and how hazards may affect communities differently. Most importantly, the mitigation strategy presented in the Plan responds to the known vulnerabilities within each community and provides prescriptions or actions to achieve the greatest reduction of natural hazard risk. The end result of this planning effort could result in saved lives, reduced injuries, reduced property damage, and protection for the environment in the event of a natural hazard within the County.

The draft MJHMP includes Kern County and dozens of participating jurisdictions, including municipalities and many special districts, school districts, and water and wastewater districts. Many participating jurisdictions are still evaluating hazard risks and will unveil their annexes to the MJHMP at a later date.

Along with the MJHMP umbrella plan, Volume 1, the following jurisdictions have completed draft annexes that are also available for public review:

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| ▪ City of Tehachapi | ▪ Stallion Springs CSD | ▪ Tehachapi Unified School District |
| ▪ City of Wasco | ▪ Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Park District | ▪ Arvin-Edison Water Storage District |
| ▪ East Niles Community Services District (CSD) | ▪ Kern High School District | ▪ Kern County Water Agency |
| ▪ Mojave Air and Space Port | ▪ Lost Hills Union School District | |

The County and participating jurisdictions are accepting comments on the draft Kern Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan itself through Friday, September 11th.

To view and comment on the draft plan, please visit <http://mitigatehazards.com/county-of-kern/public-draft-hmp/>. The draft plan will also be available for curbside pickup at several Kern County branch libraries.

More information about the plan update process is available at <http://mitigatehazards.com/county-of-kern/>.