



Ventura County
Meeting Agenda



Purpose of Meeting:	Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee
Location of Meeting:	Virtual
Date, Time of Meeting:	06.09.2021, 1:00-3:00 pm

Steering Committee (present in **bold**):

Ashley Bautista	Daniel Cohen	Doug Graham	Louise Lampara
Alyssa Mann	Brian McCarthy	Russ Olsen	Chris Rosa
Jeff Shea	Glenn Shephard	John Tolson	Maggie Tougas
Julie Tumamait-Stenslie	Lauren Utterback	Dave Ward	Grahame Watts
Gerard Kapuscik	Michelle Kelly	Aaron Engstrom	Jackie Nuñez (alternate)
(alternate)	(alternate)	(alternate)	

Other Attendees:

Bonnie Luke	Kathy Gibson	Patrick Maynard	Richard Paschal
Jeffrey Garcia	Cindy Rolli	Rob Flaner	Jeana Wiser
Megan Brotherton	Des Alexander		

Agenda Summary:

Item No.	Description	Action item(s):
1	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start Time: 1:02 PM • Public Comment Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None given • Review of May 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lauren Utterback’s comment that the Public Town Hall should include an ASL interpreter was added to the final, approved minutes. ○ Grahame Watts provided written comments on the draft minutes. His comments are reflected in the final, approved minutes. • Review Agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept the revised 5/19/20 meeting minutes was made by Doug Graham and seconded by Russ Olsen. • The minutes were unanimously approved.
2	<p>Steering Committee Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised guidelines were sent to the Steering Committee for review prior to the SC meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept the guidelines, as revised, was made by John Tolson and seconded by Doug Graham. • Motion passed unanimously.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The revised guidelines contained minor grammatical and typographical revisions that had been received from SC members. 	
<p>3</p>	<p>Public Outreach Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeana informed the SC that the Plan update Website has been launched. Content includes information on the plan, hazard mitigation, links to the online community survey, general mitigation legislation, and FEMA mitigation grant information. Jeana informed the SC that an interactive StoryMap will also be made available. SC members recommended increasing the font size on the website to 18pt or 20pt to address ADA compliance/accessibility. SC members recommended including an Accessibility function with high contrast on the website to further assist individuals who are blind or have impaired vision. Grahame Watts asked about the timeframe for notifying the public on plan progress. Jeana updated the SC regarding the status of the formal media release, which is pending approval by County management. Grahame Watts suggested listing a contact phone number in addition to an email on the web. Bonnie indicated that, at this time, email allows for a better system of cataloging comments and information received. Gerard Kapuscik suggested including a timeline graphic on the website would be helpful. Jackie Nuñez shared a sample timeline in the chat. Online Community Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The survey is now live via the webpage on SurveyMonkey and is available in English and Spanish. SC members suggested that it would be helpful to draft a social media post to use when releasing the survey. 	<p>Bonnie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up with Lauren Utterback to discuss accommodations for blind/low-vision communities. <p>Steering Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete and share the survey with colleagues and networks <p>Bonnie/Jeana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft a social media post for SC members to use when sharing the survey

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lauren Utterback asked about accommodations for participation in the survey for blind/low-vision communities. Bonnie said she will follow up with her to discuss potential accommodation option. ○ Lauren Utterback requested that Survey Question #24 be amended to include the specific phrase, <i>“deaf or hard of hearing, blind or low vision.”</i> 	
4	<p>Table of Contents for MJHMP (Volume 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cindy discussed the chapters in Volume 1. She stated that the table can serve to highlight the milestones that will be covered in the plan development process, as well as provide insight into the final format of the MJHMP. 	
5	<p>Phase 1 Jurisdictional Annex (Volume 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Megan discussed how the Planning Partners will be featured in Volume 2. Each partner will develop their own annex based on three phases of templates deployed by Tetra Tech to guide the process. The Planning Partners are currently completing Phase 1. 	
6	<p>Vision and Goal Setting (Confirm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The SC members participated in a poll in which they selected and discussed their preferred mission statement and proposed goals for the plan. ● The SC’s recommendations will be presented to the Core Planning Team as they continue to draft and refine the plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mission: The Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan mission is to reduce risk and increase resilience by equitably establishing and promoting a comprehensive mitigation policy and program to protect County residents, their property, public facilities, infrastructure, and the environment from natural hazards. ● Goal 1: Minimize potential for loss of life and displacement and impacts to the natural and cultural resources due to natural hazard events while protecting property. ● Goal 2: Effectively communicate natural hazard risks and mitigation strategies to the whole community. ● Goal 3: Pursue development and implementation of feasible, cost-effective and environmentally-sound hazard mitigation measures.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 4: Prioritize multi-objective hazard mitigation actions that reduce risk to vulnerable communities through a robust civil engagement in the public decision-making process • Goal 5: Support, inform, and integrate relevant mitigation policies, plans and programs. • Goal 6: Enhance the County's capability and capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from the impacts of natural hazards. • Goal 7: Proactively anticipate the risks of future impacts from hazards within the County. • Goal 8: Increase the County's adaptive capacity to reduce risk from hazard impacts • Goal 9: Promote proactive, self-sufficient response abilities and increase the effectiveness of emergency services provided to County residents. <p>Bonnie/Cindy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will present recommended mission statement and goals to CPT. Will present CPT's finalized mission statement and goals to SC during July meeting.
7	<p>Hazards of Concern and Hazard Scenarios</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy discussed the hazards selected for risk analysis within the plan. <p>Comment was heard regarding whether and how Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Events and other utility outage events would be accounted for under the plan. Lauren Utterback commented that utility outages present a risk to vulnerable communities. The SC was informed that PSPS will be assessed as part of the Severe Weather and/or Wildfire chapters. The Severe Weather chapter will also include discussion on wind events.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept the hazards as presented was made by Daniel Cohen and seconded by John Tolson. • Motion passed unanimously.
8	<p>Critical Infrastructure Definition/FEMA Lifelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept the definition as critical infrastructure for the



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cindy reviewed with the committee FEMA's factsheet on community lifelines and critical infrastructure. 	<p>vulnerability assessments was made by John Tolson and seconded by Maggie Tougas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion passed without dissent.
9	<p>Present Objectives Exercise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be completed during the next SC meeting 	<p>Bonnie/Cindy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will send list of potential plan objectives to Steering Committee for discussion and consensus during the next meeting
10	Next Steps/3 rd Steering Committee Meeting	July 14, 2021
11	<p>Public Comment Period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments received/made 	
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