



Ventura County
Meeting Summary



Purpose of Meeting:	Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee
Location of Meeting:	Virtual
Date, Time of Meeting:	07.14.2021, 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
Kat Selm (alternate)	Michelle Kelly (alternate)	Aaron Engstrom (alternate)	Jackie Nuñez (alternate)

Other Attendees:			
Bonnie Luke	Cindy Rolli	Rob Flaner	Jeana Wiser
Megan Brotherton	Santa Paula Times	Janelle Hahn	John Brooks
Ojai Valley News	Lara Shellenbarger	Michel Kadah	

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Item No.	Description	Action item(s):
1	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start Time: 1:00 PM • Public Comment Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None • Review of June 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes • Review Agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept the revised 6/09/20 meeting minutes was made by John Tolson and seconded by Maggie Tougas. • No objections.
2	<p>Public Outreach Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Survey Results (as of 7.02.21) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 116 completed surveys (145 as of today; 7.14.21) ○ The cities of Ventura and Thousand Oaks have the most responses to date. ○ The survey will be open for approximately one more month. ○ Questions include a write-in option for a broader range of responses. ○ Striving for a maximal exposure, however there is no benchmark for a total number of responses required by FEMA. 	<p>Jeana:</p> <p>Share demographic data from survey responses with the SC so targeted outreach can be done in underrepresented areas.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survey results data will be provided to planning partners to inform and guide their action plans. ○ The survey has been distributed and promoted via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sheriff’s PIO press release ▪ SC and CPT members distributed to their networks ▪ County website Community Survey – Ready Ventura County ▪ Email to groups that had expressed interest in the process ▪ Social Media (Twitter, Nextdoor, Facebook) ▪ Distributed to community partners working with COVID outreach ▪ Local media outlets have promoted the survey. ○ For additional distribution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Utilize existing partnerships with CBOs ▪ VC Watershed Coalition committees ▪ VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) 	
<p>3</p>	<p>Vision, Goals, and Objectives (Confirm)</p> <p>Vision Statement: No questions or input. Goals: No questions or input. Objectives: Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Community Lifelines” is the FEMA terminology for critical facilities and infrastructure. The definition of Community Lifelines does not specifically target vulnerable communities, but that focus is intended. Project prioritization should be enhanced if it identifies with socially vulnerable populations. • Financial and economic measures are included in objectives #16 and #17. • Objective #19 should include alignment with city general plans and special-purpose district plans. • The annex process identifies integration opportunities for existing plans. Planning partners can be made aware of integration with the <i>Projected Changes in Ventura County Climate 2019 Report</i>. • The use of mitigation measures terminology in #10 is appropriate for this plan. Objectives are meant to measure success for hazard mitigation. These objectives are not intended to go into other plans such as Emergency Operations Plans. The CPT can determine if terminology needs to be adjusted for Objective #10. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept the Vision, Goals, and Objectives, as revised during this meeting, was made by John Tolson and seconded by Aaron Engstrom. • No objections. <p>CPT: Revise #19 as follows: Align the hazard mitigation plan with state mitigation plans; city and county general, community, capital improvement plans; special-purpose district plans; and climate action, resilience, and adaptation plans.</p> <p>CPT: Revise #13 as follows: Proactively manage and care for natural resources, including grasslands, forests, oak woodlands, riparian forests, stream channels, coastal wetlands, and beaches, to enhance their ability to withstand and recover from natural disasters and minimize public safety risks.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective #13 could include more habitat types such as riparian forests and coastal wetlands. 	<p>Megan: Send the <i>Projected Changes in Ventura County Climate 2019 Report</i> to planning partners for integration opportunities.</p>
4	<p>Planning Partner Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 20 municipal and special-purpose district planning partners are participating in the update. 85% of the planning partners have completed their Phase 1 annex. They are now working on Phase 2 and have about 5 weeks remaining in the second phase. Phase 3 will kick off in September with planning partner workshops. Plan integration section discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning partners will list all plans with existing or future integration with this MJHMP and include a brief explanation of how the plan is integrated or could occur. Grant funding is available for some plan integration actions. The instructions on grant funding opportunities will be expanded for planning partners looking to integrate plans. 	
5	<p>Storymap Update/Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The initial framework for the VC Storymap and examples of completed Storymaps were shown. Hazard data will be built into the tool for detailed map views and outputs of risk. This County tool can locate risk at individual property levels, while the State tool is at a census block and tract level. The County Storymap will provide more detail. FEMA requires replacement cost values in HMPs so the valuation is different from County maps that show assessed values. The final Storymap will contain a disclosure explaining the differences between County View maps and the Storymap. 	<p>Cindy:</p> <p>Identify differences/similarities with CalOES viewer and County View.</p> <p>Consider including language in the Storymap to provide the user with this explanation.</p>
6	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting on August 11, 2021 4th Steering Committee Meeting - September 8, 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk Assessment/Storymap review 	<p>SC:</p> <p>Contact Bonnie or Cindy with questions and comments between meetings.</p>
7	<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>2:19 PM</p>