

Website Details Hazard Mitigation Plan

Alameda County's recently updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) website provides important details about the County's latest re-assessment of risks posed by natural and human-caused disasters and ways to reduce those risks.

The County developed its first LHMP in 2005, updated the plan in 2010 and completed the latest version in 2016. Regular plan updates are required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, under which the County maintains eligibility to receive certain forms of Federal disaster assistance.

The latest LHMP update was adopted by the County Board of Supervisors in January 2016 and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) later that year in October. It was the result of an extensive planning process that included public presentations and other outreach designed to draw input from residents about risks included in the assessment and areas requiring additional scrutiny. The final plan guides the County in prioritizing future actions to reduce risks and will be cited in requests for federal assistance to institute risk-reducing actions.

For the first time, the County's LHMP update incorporates climate adaptation planning by addressing the hazard of climate change and how climate change affects other hazards. It also supports the County's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS) program by addressing the program's Floodplain Management Planning activities.

In addition, the website has just been updated to include its newest feature – a series of interactive maps. Users can navigate by zooming in or out, or by entering a specific address into the "Search" field at the top of each map, and then by clicking on various features and mapping layers they can view more information specific to that area or site.

To see the Mitigation Plan and access the interactive maps and other features of the site, you can visit the website <u>here</u>.

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