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Alameda County Preparing 2016 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Two Workshops to be Held in November to Encourage Public Comment

Alameda County is launching a planning effort to re-assess risks posed by natural and human-caused disasters and identify ways to reduce those risks.

The planning process will result in the preparation of an updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The County developed their first LHMP annex in 2005, updated the plan in 2010 and is kicking-off the 2016 plan update process. An updated version of the plan is required under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 in order to be eligible to continue to receive certain forms of Federal disaster assistance.

Alameda County is vulnerable to a wide range of disasters. The 2016 LHMP will provide the County with the necessary tools to identify risks and prioritize future actions for reducing risks. Additionally, the plan will provide a framework for future requests for Federal assistance to institute risk-reducing actions.

The updated 2016 LHMP will incorporate climate adaptation planning by addressing the hazard of climate change and how climate change affects other hazards. In addition, the 2016 LHMP will also support 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.

There will be an opportunity for public comments on the draft plan. The comment period is anticipated to occur in late November 2015. The community is encouraged to attend one of the following community presentations to learn more and to provide feedback:

- Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (CV MAC) – **Monday, November 16th** (6:00 – 9:00pm, Castro Valley Library - 3600 Norbridge Ave, Castro Valley CA)
- Fire Advisory Commission – **Thursday, November 19th** (6:00-8:00pm, Alameda County Fire Department, Fire Admin, 6363 Clark Avenue, Dublin, CA)

Additional information on the planning process can be found on the 2016 LHMP project website: www.AlamedaCountyLHMP.com. Information about the CRS program can be found on the County webpage at: <https://www.acgov.org/pwa/programs/fema.htm>.

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