

Hazard Mitigation Planning FACT SHEET



MWDOC Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Workshop

What is a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

A Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan) is a pre-disaster strategic plan written to guide how a community will lower its risk and exposure to disasters.

Why revise the Hazard Mitigation Plan?

In order for jurisdictions to stay eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds for potential natural and technological hazards, they must have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan that is updated every 5 years. Hazard Mitigation Plans also facilitate cost savings for utilities in the future – every dollar spent on mitigation results in four dollars saved in response and recovery related costs.

What is the purpose of this Workshop?

Hazard Mitigation Working Group meetings will be held between November 2011 and February 2012. During this timeframe, the hazards that are regionally important will be reviewed and the risk assessment related to these hazards will be updated. All Plans are required to include open public involvement during Plan formation. Your input is important for development of the specific mitigation goals, objectives, and action items for the Plan. With your input, the Plan will prioritize mitigation measures with appropriate implementation strategies.

What elements are included in the Plan Process?



When will the Plan be complete?

The Final Plan will be posted in February 2012 for adoption by MWDOC and Participating Agencies. The adopted Plan will be submitted to FEMA by March 2012.

Who is preparing the Plan?

The MWDOC and participating water utilities are reviewing and updating the Plan by utilizing the Hazard Mitigation Working Group who meets monthly for this planning process. In addition, the group utilizes additional key staff at each agency that can provide subject matter expertise and policy direction.