

SECTION 6 PLAN MAINTENANCE

This section of the Plan describes the formal process that will ensure that the Plan remains an active and relevant document. The Plan maintenance process includes a schedule for monitoring and evaluating the Plan annually and producing a plan revision every five years. This section describes how MWDOC and the participating districts and agencies will integrate public participation throughout the plan maintenance process. Finally, this section includes an explanation of how jurisdictions intend to incorporate the mitigation strategies outlined in this plan into existing planning mechanisms.

6.1 MONITORING, EVALUATING AND UPDATING THE PLAN**6.1.1 Plan Monitoring**

The PWU participants will be responsible for monitoring the plan annually for updates to jurisdictional goals, objectives, and action items. If needed, these participants will coordinate through the MWDOC to integrate these updates into the Plan. MWDOC will be responsible for monitoring the overall Plan for updates on an annual basis.

6.1.2 Plan Evaluation

The Plan will be evaluated by MWDOC and by each participating jurisdiction at least every two years to determine the effectiveness of programs, and to reflect changes in land development or programs that may affect mitigation priorities. The Plan will also be re-evaluated by HMWG leads (or their select jurisdictional representative) based upon the initial STAPLEE criteria used to draft goals, objectives, and action items for each jurisdiction. MWDOC and PWU representatives will also review the goals and action items to determine their relevance to changing situations in the county, as well as changes in State or Federal regulations and policy. MWDOC and PWU representatives will also review the risk assessment portion of the Plan to determine if this information should be updated or modified, given any new available data. The coordinating organizations responsible for the various action items will report on the status of their projects, the success of various implementation processes, difficulties encountered, success of coordination efforts, and which strategies should be revised. Any updates or changes necessary will be forwarded to MWDOC for inclusion in further updates to the Plan. It is envisioned that the HMWG and each Local Mitigation Planning Team will meet annually to discuss the status of the Plan.

6.1.3 Plan Updates

MWDOC is the responsible agency for updates to the Plan working in conjunction with the PWU's. All PWU participants will be responsible to provide MWDOC with jurisdictional-level updates to the Plan when/if necessary as described above. Every five years the updated plan will be submitted to Cal EMA and FEMA for review.

6.1.4 Implementation Through Existing Programs

County and local jurisdictions will have the opportunity to implement recommended action items through existing programs and procedures that are deemed appropriate. Upon adoption of the Plan, the multi-

jurisdictional participants can use the Plan as a baseline of information on the natural hazards that impact their jurisdictions. They will also be able to refer to existing institutions, plans, policies and ordinances defined for each jurisdiction in Section 5 of the Plan (e.g., General Plan, Comprehensive Plan).

6.1.5 Continued Public Involvement

MWDOC is dedicated to involving the public directly in review and updates of the Plan. MWDOC and a representative from each participating jurisdiction will be responsible for monitoring, evaluating, and updating the Plan as described above. During all phases of plan maintenance the public will have the opportunity to provide feedback.

The most current copy of the Plan will be publicized and permanently available for review on the MWDOC website at www.mwdoc.com/weroc/Hazard-Mitigation. The site will contain contact information to which people can direct their comments and concerns. All public feedback will be forwarded to the appropriate jurisdiction for review and consideration for incorporation (if deemed appropriate) into the next plan update. This information will also be forwarded to MWDOC, responsible for keeping track of public comments on the plan. In addition, copies of the plan will be catalogued and kept at all of the appropriate agencies in the county. The existence and location of these copies will also be posted on the MWDOC website. This will provide the public an outlet for which they can express their concerns, opinions, or ideas about any updates/changes that are proposed to the Plan.