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ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER & WASTEWATER MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Fountain Valley, CA (August 27, 2018) – The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and 18 water and wastewater utilities throughout Orange County are currently updating the 2012 Orange County Regional Water & Wastewater Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The HMP provides a framework for water and wastewater utilities in Orange County to reduce their vulnerability to the impacts of natural and man-made hazard events such as earthquakes, flooding, and power outages.

What is a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

A Hazard Mitigation Plan is a framework that guides our communities in making decisions and developing policies to reduce or eliminate risk to life and property. The plan identifies the types of hazards that threaten our communities, evaluates our vulnerability to those threats, and outlines a strategy to reduce or eliminate the risk posed by future threats.

Why is the plan important?

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires state and local governments to have an approved hazard mitigation plan in order to be eligible to apply for and receive FEMA hazard mitigation funds. Receipt of these funds can be critical to implementation of identified hazard mitigation programs. MWDOC and the participating water and wastewater utilities are committed to reducing disaster impacts and maintaining eligibility for federal mitigation grant funding.

How can the public become involved in the Hazard Mitigation planning process?

Public participation in the process is important because it helps raise awareness of the hazards we face in Orange County and the actions needed to mitigate those hazards. By participating in the process, you will be taking time to consider the hazards in your communities, the impact of those hazards on life and property, actions that need to be taken to reduce that impact, and the priority those actions should take. MWDOC encourages the public to review the plan and provide feedback; all comments from the public will be considered and integrated into the plan where appropriate. Your comments, questions, ideas, and concerns will have a significant role in the plan's development.

Public Review

The Public Review Draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan can be downloaded using the following link within the Mitigation section: <https://www.mwdoc.com/your-water/emergency-management/emergency-management-resources>

A hard copy of the plan can be found by visiting our office at 18700 Ward St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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