

# 5 THINGS TO KNOW!

## About the MJHMP Update

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The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and participating agencies are updating our Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) to enhance community safety and resilience. This five-year plan identifies vulnerabilities to disasters and outlines proactive measures to mitigate these threats. Developed by agency staff, with support from elected officials, key stakeholders, public safety, and technical consultants, the plan also incorporates feedback from community members.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Updating the MJHMP is a collaborative and inclusive process. Participation is crucial, with stakeholder meetings and public hearings held at various times to raise awareness of hazards and gather input

on mitigation actions. Community feedback is essential for the planning process, ensuring the plan reflects the needs and concerns of all stakeholders.

An updated MJHMP is necessary to maintain eligibility for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants under the Federal Robert T. Stafford Act and the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. This plan must be updated every five (5) years to ensure continued access to these critical funds, which support additional hazard mitigation efforts and help break the cycle of disaster damage and reconstruction.

The following are key factors of the planning process:

### 1 BE INVOLVED.

Your feedback matters. Complete our survey at: <https://forms.gle/RmJDAJddw4CfnrXC7>. Visit with our participating agencies for future engagement opportunities. Follow MWDOC on social media throughout the process. For further questions, please email: [weroc@mwdoc.com](mailto:weroc@mwdoc.com) or call (714) 593-5010.

### 2 ASSESS RISKS, DEVELOP STRATEGY.

Once we understand the hazards and risks within our community, we can develop long-term strategies to minimize or avoid the effects of disasters. The plan will outline specific policy recommendations to implement over the next five (5) years.

### 3 THE PUBLIC PLAN RELEASE.

The DRAFT PLAN will be released around December 2024. This is the time to read and comment on the plan at community engagement opportunities or in writing. This plan will help our community learn about and prepare for emergencies, building a safer future for everyone.

### 4 ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT.

The developed plan will be adopted by MWDOC and participating agencies' governing bodies and approved by FEMA in spring 2025. The plan is then implemented through various means, including changes to day-to-day operations and specific mitigation actions.

### 5 CONDUCT PERIODIC UPDATES AND MAINTENANCE.

The MJHMP is a living document, subject to updates to reflect changing risks and priorities. An active hazard mitigation plan offers several benefits, including eligibility for federal funding, comprehensive risk assessment, and tangible action steps to manage and mitigate risk. This helps reduce the loss of life and property and supports pre-disaster mitigation and recovery efforts.

