

Pima County Begins Work on Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Posting 2-8-11

Hazard mitigation planning is the process used to identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with disasters and to develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property in future hazard events. The process results in a mitigation plan that offers a strategy for breaking the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage and a framework for developing appropriate mitigation projects. Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K), state, county, local and tribal governments are required to have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan as a condition for receiving mitigation grant funds.

In order to meet the requirements to ensure continued assistance eligibility, a planning team comprised of representatives from Pima County, Marana, Sahuarita, Oro Valley, City of Tucson, South Tucson, Pasqua Yaqui, Tohono O'odham Nation and the University of Arizona will be meeting regularly to update the current hazard mitigation plans for the participating jurisdictions. The planning team anticipates having a plan draft in August, 2011), at which time public access to the plan will be provided, with the opportunity to comment.

The primary areas of work/focus in the plan development are:

- ❖ Identify hazards that may impact or have impacted the community
- ❖ Develop a profile of the most relevant hazards
- ❖ Assess vulnerability to hazards
- ❖ Establish goals and objectives for hazard risk reduction/elimination
- ❖ Develop actions/projects to achieve goals and objectives

Additional Information & Questions

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