

Stanislaus County

Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Facts



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- Natural disasters can't be prevented, but their impacts can be reduced through hazard mitigation
- The County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is currently being updated. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Project Manager.
- Components of a MJHMP include: prerequisites, planning process, risk assessment, mitigation strategy, and plan maintenance.
- Don't miss out—join Stanislaus County as one of our multi-jurisdictional partners!



Protect Your Future...



What is Hazard Mitigation?

Natural hazards have the potential to cause property damage, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety. Hazard mitigation measures are essential to breaking the typical disaster cycle of damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. Hazard Mitigation measures are the things you do today to be more protected in the future. They are measures taken before a disaster happens to reduce the impact that future disasters will have on people and property in the community. Mitigation reduces the risk of loss and creates a more disaster-resistant and sustainable community.

Purpose and Need for the Plan

Hazard mitigation plans are developed BEFORE a disaster strikes. The plans identify community policies, actions, and tools for long-term implementation to reduce risk and potential for future losses. Adopted, implemented, and maintained on an ongoing basis, these plans will lessen the impacts associated with hazard events in Stanislaus County. As of November 1, 2004 communities that do not have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan in place are no longer eligible for FEMA project grant monies under programs such as the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, and Severe Repetitive Loss.

Participation

Jurisdictions located within Stanislaus County who wish to be recognized by FEMA as being compliant with DMA 2000 must either: (a) participate with the County in the multi-jurisdictional plan development process and formally adopt the final plan, or (b) prepare their own hazard mitigation plan. All jurisdictions in Stanislaus County are being invited to participate in the process. Active participation in the process is the only way a jurisdiction can be seen in FEMA's eyes as a "participating jurisdiction" that has met the requirements of DMA 2000 and is therefore eligible to apply for Federal funds for hazard mitigation projects. Participation includes attending meetings, providing feedback, reaching out to the public and other key stakeholders in the community, and adopting the final plan.