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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STANISLAUS COUNTY 2022-2027
PUBLIC REVIEW MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

The County's 2022-2027 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) update assesses the risk posed by natural, human-health, and climate-related hazards and identifies ways to reduce those risks through the development of specific mitigation actions. The MJHMP profiles 10 natural hazards including dam incidents, drought, earthquakes, extreme temperatures (freeze and extreme heat), flood, landslide, wildfire, and severe weather hazards, such as dense fog, heavy rain and thunderstorms, and high winds/tornado. The plan profiles three human-caused hazards including agricultural pests and disease, aquatic invasive species, and cyber-attacks, and public health hazards associated with pandemics and epidemics. The MJHMP update also addresses the effects of climate change on natural hazards and incorporates climate adaptation strategies. This MJHMP update allows Stanislaus County and the 10 participating jurisdictions to remain eligible for mitigation grant funding under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs.

A Public Review Draft of the County's MJHMP is now available for public review and comment for 20 days at <http://www.stanoes.com/lhmp.shtm>. A Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee that included participating stakeholders from regional and local municipalities and agencies, such as the cities of Modesto, Turlock, Ceres, Riverbank, Oakdale, Patterson, Newman, Hughson, and Waterford and the Stanislaus County Office of Education developed the MJHMP update over the past year. Stanislaus County is now soliciting public comments on the plan before it is finalized and submitted to the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA Region IX for review and approval.

Residents and community stakeholders are also encouraged to attend the second virtual **Public Workshop on Thursday June 23, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Public Workshop will be an opportunity to learn more about the updated Draft MJHMP including the planning process, the hazards assessed, and the mitigation actions proposed in the MJHMP. Following the workshop there will be an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft MJHMP. The County encourages feedback by attending the Public Workshop, visiting the County's MJHMP Webpage, and/or commenting on the Public Review Draft MJHMP.

You can watch the Workshop live here: <https://bit.ly/3xAci8e>. The County Office of Emergency Services will share the details of the Public Review Draft MJHMP update and take public comment. The comment period will be for 20 days from Monday June 20, 2022, through Thursday, July 11, 2022. Written comments and questions may be directed to Ruben Wegner, Stanislaus County Emergency Services Manager by email at wegner@stanoes.com or by calling (209) 552-3600.