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Public Participation Invited in Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

County of Sacramento, and the Cities of Sacramento, Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Galt, Citrus Heights, Isleton and Folsom to complete Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Sacramento County and the seven incorporated cities, and in conjunction with various special districts, invite the public to participate in updating/developing a multi-jurisdictional, Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan will educate residents about hazards that might affect their property and how to take proactive action to reduce or eliminate risk to human life or property. The plan will assess the likelihood of various natural hazards affecting our region including flooding, earthquakes, extreme heat, and severe weather. The plan will also set goals and identify, evaluate and prioritize existing resources to address potential natural hazards before they occur. Completion of this plan allows participating communities to become eligible for Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) mitigation funding programs.

Upcoming community meetings will take place:

September 22, 2010

6:00-8:00 pm

Jean Harvey Center

14273 River Road

Walnut Grove, CA

September 23, 2010

6:00-8:00 p.m.

South Natomas Community Center

2921 Truxel Road

Sacramento, CA

Public attendance is encouraged at upcoming meetings to introduce the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update process. The purpose of these meetings is to inform the public and other interested stakeholders about the purpose and process of the plan and to describe how to participate and the benefits of doing so.

Nationwide, taxpayers pay billions of dollars annually helping communities, organizations, businesses, and individuals recover from disaster. Some natural disasters are predictable and, in many cases, much of the damage can be reduced or even eliminated. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has targeted natural disaster loss reduction as one of its primary

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goals. The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires local governments to maintain a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan with periodic updates in order to maintain eligibility for certain federal disaster assistance, hazard mitigation funding programs, and flood insurance discounts. This plan will update the 2005 Sacramento County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

AMEC Earth and Environmental, Inc., a firm that specializes in hazard mitigation and emergency management (the same consultants that assisted in the development of the initial 2005 plan), will facilitate the planning meetings and draft the Plan. The public as well as other community stakeholders are invited to be part of this planning committee.

Upon preliminary approval by the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) and FEMA, the Plan will be presented to the governing bodies of each participating jurisdiction, for formal adoption. Each jurisdiction that officially participates in the planning process will have an annex in the Plan. These annexes will address the community or district's unique risks, capabilities, and priorities. Upon plan adoption and approval, participating jurisdictions will be eligible for various FEMA mitigation funding programs.

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