

## San Mateo County MJLHMP Steering Committee #4

**Date/Time of Meeting:** Monday, May 24, 2021, 2:04 PM (Start Time)

**Location:** Digital

**Subject:** Steering Committee Meeting No. 4

**Project Name:** San Mateo County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

In Attendance Steering Committee: Dan Belville, Andrew Bielak, David Cosgrave, Lt. Ron

Mussman (alt. for John Gamez), Robert Hall, Terence Kyaw, Rita Mancera, Ben'Zara Minkin, Ever Rodriguez, Violet Saena, Belen Seara, Amelia Timbers

Core Planning Team: Ann Ludwig, Dan Belville, Hilary Papendick, Katie

Faulkner, Rob Flaner, Bart Spencer, Des Alexander

Guests: Kacey Treadway, Elizabeth Lam, Patrick Halleran, Nicole

MacDonald, Dave Pucci, Chris Clements, Isabel Pares, Lynne Bramlett, Gary

Ushiro, Brian Henry, Jeanette Kalabolas, Bill Euchner, Joanna Chen,

Brandon Stewart, Bill Reilly

**Not Present:** Sandra Winter, John Gamez (alternate in attendance)

Summary Prepared by: Des Alexander

Quorum – Yes or No Yes

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

- Dan Belville welcomed all guests to the 4<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee for the San Mateo County MJLHMP. Dan also made a brief announcement about COVID vaccine availability through the County.
- When conducting the roll call, Rita Mancera asked all Steering Committee members to state the mitigation measure they'd use to address the hazard they were most concerned with.
- Twelve Steering Committee members were present, and quorum was achieved.
- No comments were made on the agenda.
- No comments were made on the minutes from the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. A motion to approve the
  minutes was made by Terence Kyaw and seconded by Andrew Bielak. The minutes were
  approved without dissent.
- Committee members were reminded of the upcoming risk assessment presentation on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 5 pm. The presentation is not mandatory, but members are encouraged to attend. This will be a time to ask questions about the risk results; results will be presented at the next Steering Committee meeting.

### **Steering Committee Business**

- Results of Survey #1
  - Results
    - Jeana Wiser discussed the results of the first survey. Over 1200 people responded (1,103 in English, 118 in Spanish, 1 in Tagalog, 7 in Chinese (Taiwan).



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- Fire was the number one hazard of concern mentioned in the comments, while climate change was the highest weighted hazard. Over 50% of respondents reported not experiencing a listed hazard.
- Demographic information was also shared; most survey respondents were White/Caucasian and Redwood City had the zip code with the highest participation.
- The full survey results will be provided to all Planning Partners with the Phase 3 toolkit and Steering Committee members will receive access to those results as well.
- Questions/Comments from Steering Committee
  - Robert Hall asked what percent of people reported having supplies for emergencies.
    - Which of the following steps has your household taken to prepare for a disaster?
      - Installed smoke/carbon monoxide detectors (83%); Prepared a disaster supply kit (58%); Stored food and water 2-week supply (55%); Stored flashlights and batteries (76%); Identified the utility shutoff (66%); Stored fire extinguisher (71%); Created a fire escape plan (51%); Stored medical supplies (60%); Stored battery-powered radio (58%); Received first aid/CPR training (57%)
  - Ever Rodriguez offered commentary on why a high percentage of people reported not experiencing hazards. Given the high mobility of populations in unincorporated areas due to rising housing costs (especially immigrant communities), many people may not have lived in the area to experience many of the hazards listed.
- Questions/Comments from Planning Partners
  - No questions or comments
- Questions/Comments from Public
  - No questions or comments
- Results from Core Capabilities Assessment
  - Bart Spencer explained that the Core Capabilities Assessment was designed to gauge the capabilities of county services. A key strength highlighted by County respondents was political support and collaboration for hazard risk management in the County. The main weaknesses highlighted were public knowledge and understanding of risk, as well as funding for mitigation efforts.
- Questions/Comments
  - None from Steering Committee, planning partners, or public.

### **Planning Process**

- Annex Phases
  - Phases 1 & 2
    - Bart Spencer stated that Phase 2 was due last Friday. Tetra Tech is still receiving annex information from partners and some partners will need additional assistance to revise and complete.



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- The Phase 1 & 2 documents will be merged into the Phase 3 toolkit and provided to all planning partners.
- Phase 3
  - Due July 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Bart Spencer strongly cautioned planning partners to not procrastinate on completing the Phase 3 annexes, which will include creating action items for the next five years. Partners should involve their planning teams in the Phase 3 process
- Questions/Comments from Steering Committee
  - Ever Rodriguez asked about the difference between the County (i.e. municipality) and a special district within the annex process, as well as clarification on where North Fair Oaks Community Alliance would fall between the two. He also asked if the workshops would be open to the public.
    - Bart Spencer responded that NFOCA is a stakeholder in the County's Unincorporated Annex, so they will fall under the municipality category.
    - The workshops will not be open to the public.
- Questions/Comments from Planning Partners
  - Brian Henry asked about the scheduling of workshops as well as participation in the Q&A sessions advertised by Tetra Tech. Bart Spencer responded that Ann Ludwig will send a link where planning partners can gain access to the workshops. Attendance is. Regarding the Q&A sessions, Bart advised partners to just call in since those sessions are not mandatory.
- Questions/Comments from Public
  - No questions or comments

### **County Updates**

- County approach to action development
  - Ann Ludwig discussed the county's actions since the MJLHMP plan process started on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The month of May primarily focused on internal County conversations regarding mitigation actions; the closing of survey #1; the Sediment for Survival presentation on May 18<sup>th</sup>; getting all Phase 2 annexes in by their due date on May 21<sup>st</sup>; the 4<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting; and a review of proposed mitigation actions and the county maintenance plan.
  - For the month of June, the County will be focused mainly on Phase 3 assignments and workshops, survey #2, and prioritization of mitigation actions. Phase 3 annexes will be the focus of July until their due date on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The draft plan will be released in August for internal and public review, with a targeted submittal date of August 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - The MJLHMP will be under concurrent review by Cal OES/FEMA from September –
    November (estimated). The APA version is estimated to be returned to the County for
    board approval in December.
- Questions/Comments
  - None from Steering Committee, planning partners, or public.

#### **Public Comment and Adjournment**

• Lynne Bramlett asked for clarification on what it meant to commit to the social equity lens approach to the plan. Ann Ludwig clarified that the social equity lens is a new approach that the





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County is taking to address mitigation efforts for vulnerable communities. The paper outlining the County's approach is available on the MJLHMP website.

## <u>Adjourn</u>

- Dan Belville reminded callers of the June 28<sup>th</sup> steering committee meeting. He said that status reports would be shared on the annexes, public outreach, and the risk assessment.
- The meeting ended at 3:14 PM.

