

HazMit plan update underway

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Calaveras County, in coordination with the City of Angels Camp and Murphys Sanitary District, has begun an update to the county's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, according to Jamie Andriola, the county's deputy chief executive officer.

The Resiliency Initiative, a consulting firm, has been hired to support the updating process.

Hazard mitigation plans provide community members and officials with information about the community's hazards and outline risk-reduction strategies to lessen the impact of future disasters. The plan helps guide the county and its partners toward greater resilience. By developing this joint plan, participating jurisdictions will identify shared resilience goals, increase joint mitigation efforts and funding opportunities, and leverage resources to increase risk and community outreach.

To be eligible for certain types of non-emergency assistance, FEMA requires state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to have approved and adopted hazard mitigation plans.

Public input is vital to designing a hazard mitigation plan that accurately reflects the community's needs, Andriola added. To support the update process, Calaveras County will host a community workshop in May and conduct a public input survey. Public feedback is important because it helps prioritize risks and strategies that matter most to the community. More information regarding these meetings will be made available as the dates approach.

Resources for additional opportunities for information and feedback:

- Follow the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office Facebook for ongoing public information and important updates regarding the project.
- Visit <https://www.calaveras-gov.us/> to learn more about hazard mitigation, the planning process and progress, upcoming events and more.
- Attend in-person meetings. These meetings will be announced on social media and posted to the website.

Questions about the plan or process can be emailed to info@theresiliencyinitiative.com .