

Sierra County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Steering Committee & Planning Partnership
Kick-Off Meeting

October 29, 2024
Sierraville, CA



Today's Agenda



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Introductions



Today's Black & Veatch Representatives



Rob Flaner, CFM
Project Manager



Megan Brotherton
Lead Project Planner

- Extensive CA Experience
- Passionate about Resilience
- Holistic Understanding
- Integrated Team
- Familiar & Trusted to Cal OES and FEMA Region 9

Hazard Mitigation Planning Overview



What is Hazard Mitigation?



Sustained long-term and short-term actions taken to protect people and prevent property damage and service interruptions caused by natural disasters.

What's a LHMP?

A Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is created in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 to assess and mitigate the impacts of natural hazards on a planning area.



Why Develop a Plan?



Sierra County's
previous plan
expired in 2019



Helps reduce
natural hazard
impacts on people,
property,
infrastructure, and
services



Establishes
eligibility for
mitigation
grant funding



Fosters
collaboration
between the County
and its Planning
Partners,
community
members, and
stakeholders

Mitigation Strategy Examples



Seismic retrofit of
buildings and bridges



Education programs to
be better informed of risks

Increasing capacity in
flood-prone areas



Project Schedule & Milestones

	2024					2025								
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Phase 1: Organize Resources	●		★											
Phase 2: Assess Risk														
Phase 3: Engage the Public						●			●					
Phase 4: Assess Capability & Identify Mitigation Strategies														
Phase 5: Plan Maintenance Strategy														
Phase 6: Assemble the Plan														
Phase 7: Plan Review and Adoption										●				
Phase 8: Project Management														

● **August 2024**—Project Kick-Off

★ **October 2024**—First Steering Committee/
Planning Partner Meeting

● **January & April 2025**—Public Meetings

● **May 2025**—Plan Submittal to Cal OES

Core Planning Team (CPT)



WHO

- Leads from the Black & Veatch team
- Key County project management staff

WHEN

Meet bi-weekly (virtual)

WHAT

- Monitor plan progress milestones
- Identify input needs for the Steering Committee

Role of the Steering Committee



Steering Committee (SC)



WHO

- Citizens
- Stakeholders
- Select County & Planning Partner Personnel
- Community Based Organizations

WHEN

Meet monthly as needed

WHAT

Provide input on key planning milestones

Meeting Ground Rules



Steering Committee Chair / Vice Chair

CHAIR

- Opens and closes each meeting
- Introduces each agenda topic
- Allows all members to be heard during discussions
- Moderates differing views among members

VICE-CHAIR

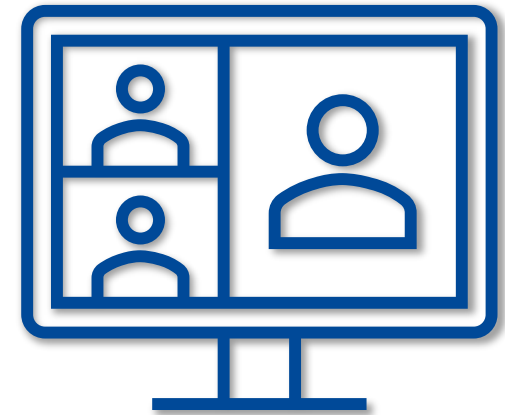
Assumes the role of the Chair when the Chair is not able to attend a SC meeting

**Recommendation?
Volunteer?**

Quorum

What is the minimum attendance needed to make decisions at a SC meeting?

- 50% +1
- Arbitrary number that is achievable



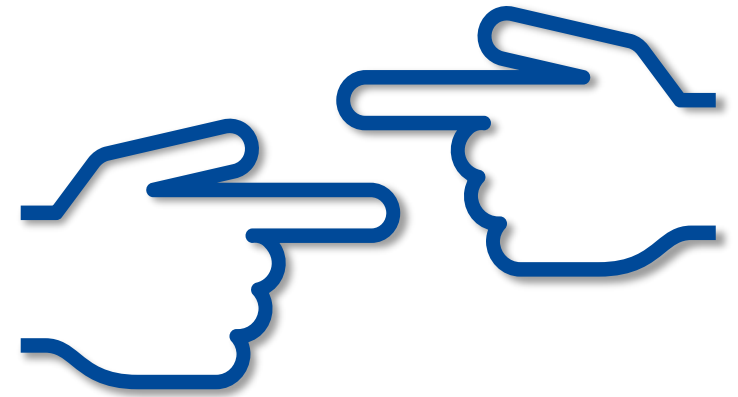
The SC will meet about four more times over the next six months.

Alternates

You can designate an alternate if you cannot attend all the SC meetings. If you choose an alternate, inform LeTina by November 15.

Alternates should:

- *Have the same decision-making authority as the primary member?*
- *Only serve as a proxy member?*



Spokesperson

The Spokesperson will act as a liaison for the planning process with any media requests or interactions.

Recommendation?
Volunteer?



Public Comment Protocol

- All SC meetings will be open to the public and advertised on the County website.
- Establish a protocol for how to receive public comments.

Recommendation:

Members of the public wishing to address the SC must sign in prior to the meeting and identify their name, address and whom they represent. All SC meeting agendas will be posted on the County's website a minimum of 1 week prior to each SC meeting. Public comments will be taken prior to initiation of each meeting. Comments will only be taken on items contained on the agenda for that meeting. Each member of the public wishing to address the SC will be given a single allotment of 3 minutes to address the SC, with a total combined time not to exceed 15 minutes. Speaking time cannot be transferred to another speaker. The number of speakers allowed to address the committee will be at the discretion of the Chair. All public comments received will be reflected in the meeting summaries.

SC Meeting Dates & Times

- SC will meet about **four** more times over the next six months.
- Establish a standard meeting date and time with venues TBD.
- *What days and times work best for you?*

Planning Partner Expectations



Planning Partnership

WHO

1. Sierra County
2. City of Loyalton
3. Alleghany County Water District
4. Downieville Fire Protection District
5. Downieville Public Utilities District
6. Pliocene Ridge Community Services District
7. Sierra City Fire Protection District
8. Sierra County Fire Protection District #1
9. Sierra County Waterworks Calpine District No. 1
10. Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District
11. Sierraville Public Utility District

WHAT

Two-Phase Annex development process

WHEN

Phase 1

- January – February

Phase 2

- February - March

Planning Partner Expectations

- Participate in the planning process
- Support the public outreach strategy
- Attend mandatory meetings
- Support the Steering Committee
- Complete the 2-phase Jurisdictional Annex process
- Develop mitigation strategies for your jurisdiction
- Adopt the plan



Jurisdictional Annex Process

Phase 1

Jurisdictional Profile and Capability
Assessment

Phase 2

Risk Ranking and Action Plan
Development

Includes a mandatory workshop
focusing on action plan development
and prioritization

Both phases are supported by templates and
detailed instructions. The CPT provides technical
support whenever needed.

Confirm Hazards



Risk? What Risk?

PROBABILITY

X

IMPACT

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RISK

Natural hazard assessment will align with:

- California State HMP
- FEMA's National Risk Index (NRI)

New FEMA guidance includes:

- Impacts from climate change
- Impacts to Equity Priority Communities

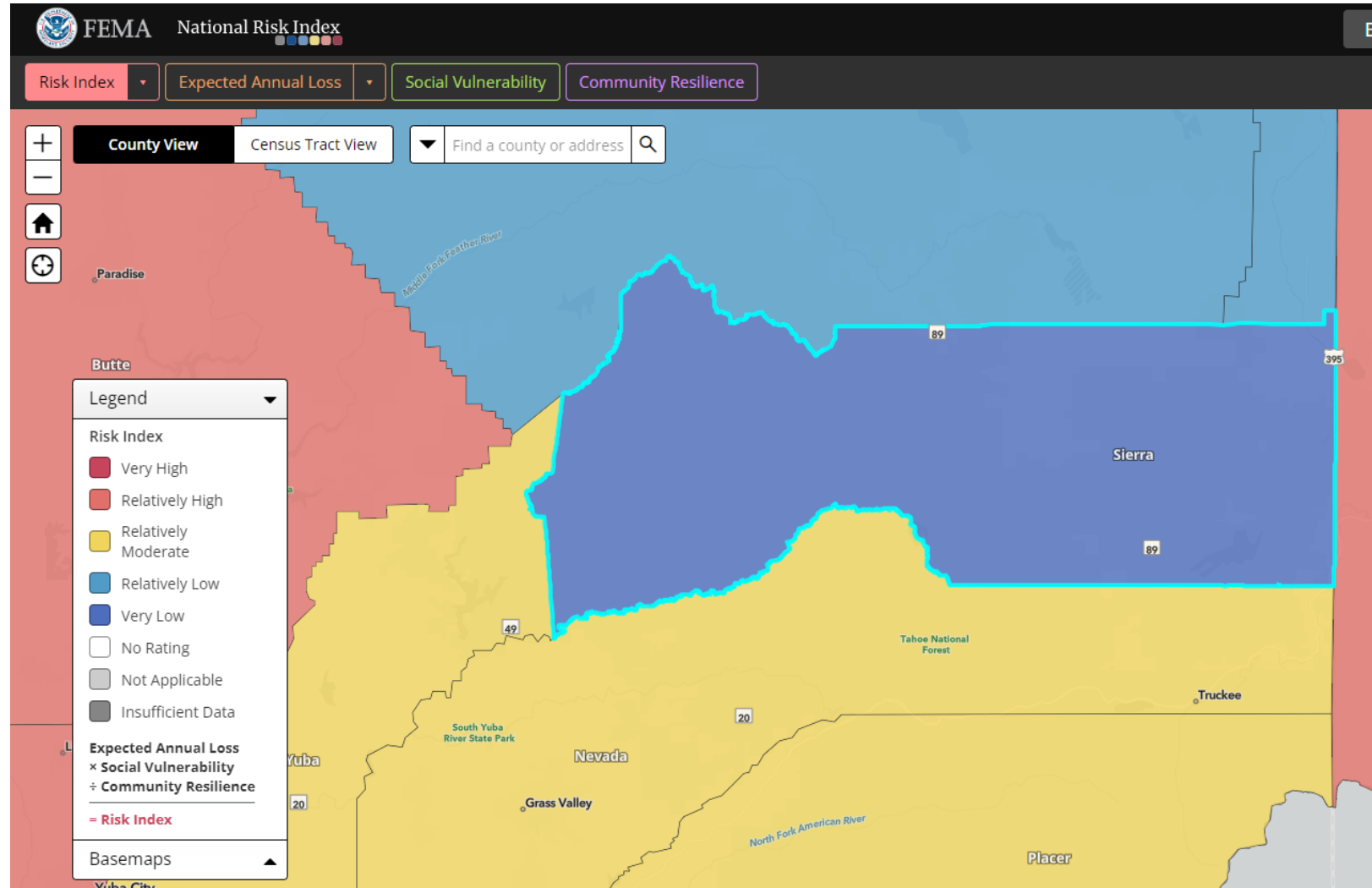
Risk Assessment will use:

- Best available data
- Hazus-MH
- GIS modeling

National Risk Index (NRI)

The NRI did not identify any hazards in Sierra County as “High” or “Very High”.

- Flood ranked “Relatively Low”
- Wildfire ranked “Relatively Moderate”
- Earthquake ranked “Relatively Low”



Natural Hazards of Concern



- ⚠️ Avalanche
- ⚠️ Dam Failure
- ⚠️ Drought
- ⚠️ Earthquake
- ⚠️ Extreme Heat
- ⚠️ Flood
- ⚠️ Landslide/Mass Movement
- ⚠️ Volcanic Activity
- ⚠️ Wildfire
- ⚠️ Winter Storms

Other Hazards of Interest



- ▲ Cybersecurity
- ▲ Mass Gatherings
- ▲ Transportation Hazards
- ▲ Wildlife & Human Interactions

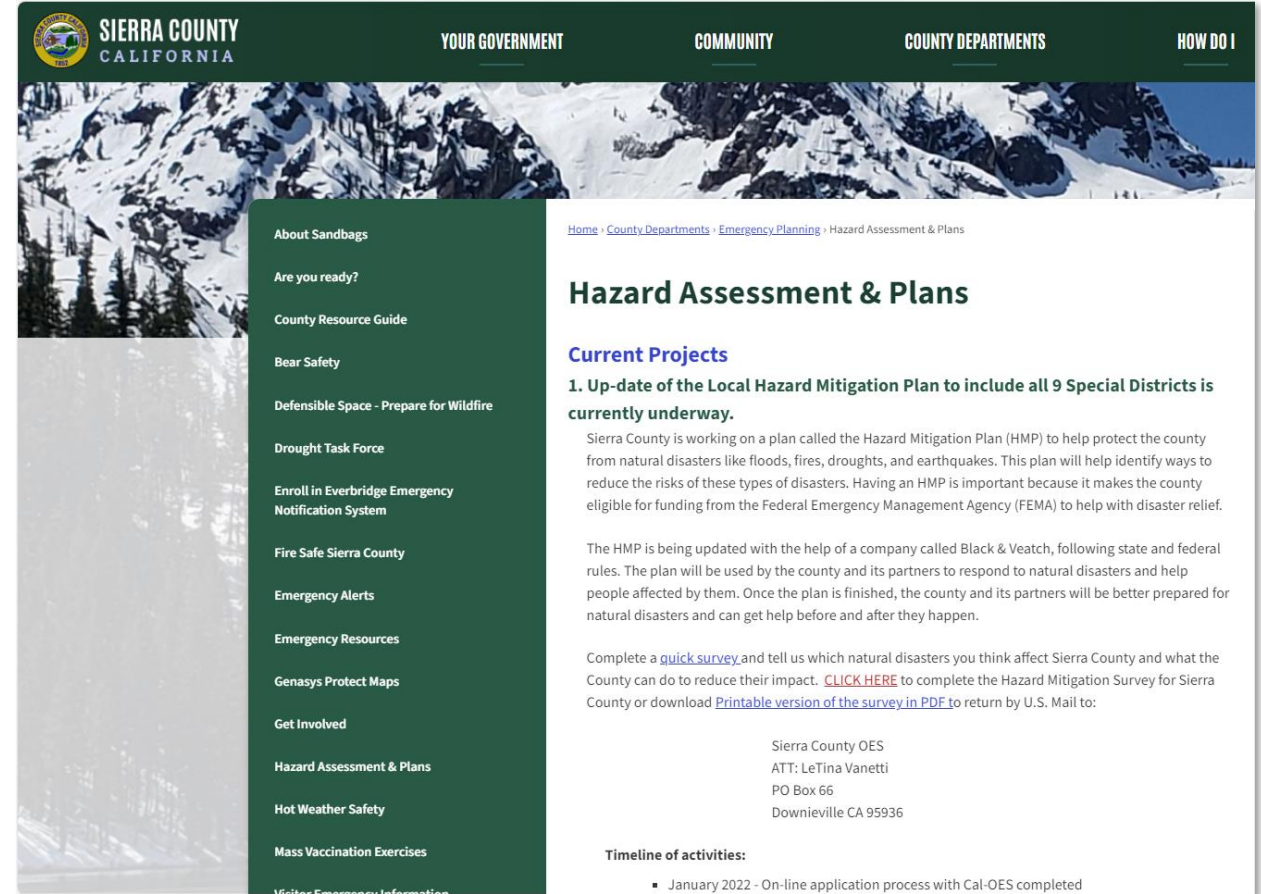
Public Outreach Strategy



Website

<https://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/818/Hazard-Assessment-Plans>

Includes hazard mitigation information, the public survey link, and public meeting notifications.



Public Survey

www.surveymonkey.com/r/SierraCounty



Sierra County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Hazard Awareness Survey

Sierra County and its Planning Partners are working with the community to be better prepared for natural hazards or dangers like wildfire, drought, and storms by developing a Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan will look at natural hazards and vulnerabilities, figure out what is at risk, and find ways to reduce or eliminate future problems from those hazards.

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See how easy it is to [create surveys and forms](#).

Public Meetings

Two in-person public meetings will be held in the County.

Meeting #1 (Winter) will present hazard risk assessment results and get comments from the public on their perception of risk in areas around the County.

Meeting #2 (Spring) will present the draft plan overview and show the public how to participate in the comment process.

Next Steps



What's Next

Sierra County

- **Steering Committee** members should attend all meetings, or designate an alternate if possible
- **Planning Partners** will begin filling out their Annex template when shared by Black & Veatch
- **Everyone** should begin sharing the public survey link and QR code

Black & Veatch

- Schedule Steering Committee meetings
- Finalize Annex templates and share with Planning Partners in November

Questions



Thank you!

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