



MEETING SUMMARY

Steering Committee / Planning Partner Meeting #3

April 22, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Attendance

Steering Committee Member

Rae Bell Arbogast

Tom Archer

Danielle Bradfield

Vickie Clark

Magdalene DeBerg

Paul Douville

Billy Epps

Kathy Fischer

Mike Fisher

Victoria Fisher

Steve Folsom

Joe Griffin

Scott Hall

Lee Kiolbasa

Rick Maddalena (Chair)

Jeff McCollum (alt.)

Sue McIlravy

Brandon Pangman

Tina Slowan-Pomeroy

Sean Snider

Bruce Troedson

Janet Drummond (alt.)

LeTina Vanetti (Vice Chair)

Representing

Alleghany County Water District

Pliocene Ridge Community Services District

Sierraville Public Utility District

Sierra County Fire Safe Council

Family Resource Center (FRC)/Food Bank

Inc. Senior Citizens of Sierra County/Meals on Wheels/Food Bank

Downieville Public Utility District

Sierra County Public Works

Downieville Day Spa

Sierra County Sheriff's Office

Eastern Plumas Health Care Board

Downieville Fire Protection District

USFS Leadership Tahoe Forest

Sierra City Fire Protection District

Liberty Utilities

Sierra County Fire Protection District #1

City of Loyalton

Sierra County Building/Planning

Sierra County

Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District

Sierra County Waterworks Calpine District No. 1

Sierra County OES

Black & Veatch

Rob Flaner, Project Manager

Megan Brotherton, Lead Planner

Carol Baumann, Risk Assessment Lead

Erin Schanen, Planner

Additional Attendees

Bryan Davey, Sierra County Public Works



Agenda Item and Summary

1. Welcome	
2. Approval January Meeting Summary	<p>The approval for the January Meeting Summary will allow for the Meeting Summary to be posted online and shared with the public.</p> <p>Motion to approve the January Meeting Summary: Bryan Davey Second motion: Janet Drummond</p> <p>No objections were made. The January Meeting Summary was approved by the Steering Committee/Planning Partners.</p>
3. Revise FEMA Planning Requirements	<p>Rob Flaner with Black & Veatch shared an update on the current changes occurring at the federal level for the FEMA programs and planning guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sierra County Multi-Jurisdictional Local HMP will continue the planned course in alignment with the State of California HMP and state mandated initiatives. <p>The CalOES plan review tool has not yet been published, but the Black & Veatch team will continue to monitor and adjust as needed.</p>
4. Vulnerable Communities for Mitigation Planning	<p>Vulnerable communities for the Sierra County Multi-Jurisdictional Local HMP are to be defined through the two categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting populations • Isolated populations <p>No objections from the Steering Committee/Planning Partners for definition of vulnerable populations for the Sierra County Multi-Jurisdictional Local HMP.</p> <p>Visiting populations will be identified by overnight accommodation locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campgrounds • Brandan Pangman will provide a list of permitted short-term vacation rentals. • Environmental Health will have the list of group camps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Boy/Girl scout camps ○ Religious camps
5. Public Outreach Update	<p>The public survey has 151 respondents. Results to date will be compiled and shared with the Planning Partners/Steering Committee.</p>



	<p>Planning Partners should continue to list any mitigation outreach done in their jurisdiction such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social media or website posts• Notifications on bulletin boards or in utility bills <p>Black & Veatch will share public outreach content with Sean for the School District to distribute via social media or other appropriate platforms</p>
<p>6. Planning Partner Annex Development</p>	<p>Megan Brotherton with Black & Veatch will plan to share Phase 2 of the Planning Partner Annexes with supporting material.</p> <p>The Planning Partner Annexes include the following sections for development: Natural Hazard Events, Priority Risk Index, and Hazard Mitigation Action plan.</p> <p><u>Natural Hazard Event</u> table contains pre-populated event records in each of the Planning Partner Annexes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Planning Partners will then include a brief narrative how the natural hazard may have impacted or delete the hazard if no impact can be noted for the jurisdiction. <p><u>Priority Risk Index</u> table provides pre-populated data and includes a ranking criterion for each of the natural hazards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Priority Risk Index should be tailored to the jurisdiction’s responsibility. For example, a Water District should indicate High Risk for Drought and a Fire District should indicate High Risk for Wildfire.• Megan confirmed that the Priority Risk Ranking and the overall Hazard Mitigation Plan does not impact fire insurance rates. <p>As part of discussion of Natural Hazard Events and Priority Risk Index, there is a history of levee/dam failure on private property for non-permitted structures. There is code enforcement and permitting of private dams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bryan Davey at Sierra County Public Works may be able to pull forward a history of the damages to County managed roads and/or structures as a result of levee/dam failure on private property. <p><u>Hazard Mitigation Action Plan</u> table includes pre-populated, best practice actions. An additional list of potential mitigation actions will be shared with the Steering Committee/Planning Partners for their consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning partners may include additional mitigation actions within the table.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integration actions and opportunities can be documented within the table. <p>The Black & Veatch team is available to schedule a technical assistance call as the Steering Committee/Planning Partners move through the Phase 2 Annex.</p> <p>Target date for completion for the Planning Partner Annexes is May 31.</p>
7. Next Steps	<p>The next Steering Committee/Planning Partners meeting is <i>tentatively</i> scheduled for May 29.</p> <p>If Steering Committee/Planning Partners are interested in the DR-4856-HMGP Notice of Funding Opportunity, the HMGP Notice of Interest (NOI) are due to OES through the Engage Cal OES Portal by May 29, 2025.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM PT.</p>