Hiouchi Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
PUBLIC OUTREACH

Public Input and Planning Partner Kick-Off Meeting

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Today’s Discussion

- Meeting Ground Rules
- The Planning Team
- The Disaster Mitigation Act
- FEMA requirements for Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update
- Our work plan to complete the update
- Planning Partner expectations
The Planning Team

- Big Rock CSD awarded Hazard Mitigation Funds under Disaster Grant to fund this effort
  - 75% of this cost is federal, 25% is local
  - Local contribution will be “in-kind”

- GHD Inc. has been awarded the contract to facilitate this plan update process.

- The Planning Team Includes:
  - Craig Bradford, District Project Manager
  - Rebecca Crow, GHD (Lead Project Planner)
  - Dagan Short, GHD (Risk Assessment/HAZUS lead)
So why are you here?

- You live in Hiouchi

- You are an interested member of the public

- You all have been identified as a potential stakeholder in hazard mitigation
  - So what does it mean to be a stakeholder?
    - You can benefit by being a planning partner
    - Your facilities can benefit
    - Your constituents can benefit
    - Your agency has authority over development in Hiouchi
What is Mitigation?

“Sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property” (Prevention)
What is the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA)?

Federal legislation that establishes a pre-disaster hazard mitigation program and new requirements for the national post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
Provisions of the DMA

- Encourages and rewards local and state pre-disaster planning
- Promotes sustainability
- Seeks to strengthen statewide hazard mitigation through encouraging the integration of State and local planning
- Results in faster more efficient allocation of funding and more effective risk reduction projects
Benefits of Hazard Mitigation Plans

- Establish / maintain eligibility for grant funds
- Preparedness: pro-active vs. reactive
- Sustainability
- Key element in effective emergency management
- Can set the course for response and recovery to impacts from natural disasters
- Requires commitment and support from both the political faction and the Community of Hiouchi
Response to the DMA in Del Norte County and Hiouchi

- Initial HMP for Del Norte County was completed in 2009-2011
- Multi-jurisdictional effort provided DMA eligibility to 5 governing agencies within the Del Norte Operational Area.
- FEMA approved the plan on 2/16/2011
- The Plan officially expired on 2/16/2016
- Del Norte County Local Governments are not currently eligible for Disaster Mitigation Funds
LHMP Required

- Section 201.6 44CFR states that approved local HMP’s must be updated at least every 5 years to remain eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding.
- Effective plans are those that remain relevant, which requires them to be reviewed and enhanced regularly.
- Maintaining an established HMP creates opportunities to integrate with other planning processes, and plans of adjacent jurisdictions.
- Hiouchi must complete a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan by August 23, 2017 to retain funds for the Hillside Stabilization Project.
Need for Single Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

This planning approach provides the following benefits:

- Reduces effort to complete LHMP
- In compliance with Big Rock CSD’s extraordinary circumstances 12-month extension for Disaster Mitigation Funds
- Allows Big Rock CSD’s Hillside Stabilization Project to maintain grant funding from FEMA
- Allows for Big Rock to fold back into the larger Del Norte County multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan process at a later date
The Work Plan

- Primary objectives:
  - Program compliance for Big Rock CSD
  - Support future grant applications within the planning area
  - Provide information that can be used in future Del Norte County Hazard Mitigation Planning

- Approach: Follow the steps prescribed by FEMA for Mitigation Planning

- Scope of work has five (5) principal phases.
Phases of Plan Development

Phase 1 - Organize Resources
- Plan review
- Identify Planning Partners
- Agency Coordination
- Gather Public Input on Hazards

Phase 2 - Risk Assessment
- Update Hazards of concern
- HAZUS
- Utilize best available data

Phase 3 - Engage the Public
- Planning Partners
- Website
- Media releases
- Public meetings

Phase 4 - Assemble the plan
- Description of the process
- Risk assessment
- Mitigation Strategy
  - Goals/objectives
  - Review of alternatives
  - Action Plan
- Plan Maintenance

Phase 5 - ADOPTION
Planning Participant Organization

Planning Team

Planning Partners

Public

HMP
LHMP Risk Assessment

What would happen if a natural disaster occurred in Hiouchi?

• Hazard identification—The systematic use of all available information to determine what types of disasters may affect a jurisdiction, how often these events can occur, and the potential severity of their consequences.

• Vulnerability identification—The process of determining the impact of these events on the people, property, environment, economy and lands of a region

• Estimation of the cost of damage or cost that can be avoided through mitigation.
LHMP Hazards

Primary Hazards

• Earthquake
• Flooding
• Wildland fire

Secondary Hazards

• Severe weather
• Landslides
• Tsunami
Planning Partner Identification

- Planning Partners
  - Stakeholders
  - Strive for multi-disciplinary representation
    - Local/Regional Government Organizations
    - Residents
    - Emergency Management Teams (i.e. Neighbors Helping Neighbors)
  - Inform the Planning Team and provide your input
- Meet periodically based on need during plan development (estimated 3 meetings May, June, and July)
Planning Partner Expectations

If you would like to participate, submit a Letter of intent

Expectations

- Participate in process
- Support Planning Team
- Develop mitigation strategy
- Develop action plan

(Please Refer to Handout)
So What’s Next?

- Risk Assessment (May/ June 2017)
  - Hazard Identification
  - Vulnerability Analysis
- Develop Mitigation Measures (June 2017)
- Develop LHMP (June/ July 2017)
- Public Meetings (July 2017)
- Submit Final LHMP to FEMA (August 23, 2017)