**Tuolumne County**

**Multi-Jurisdictional**

**Hazard Mitigation Plan**

**2023**

**Tuolumne Fire District**

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**TUOLUMNE FIRE DISTRICT**

**I. JURISDICTION PROFILE**

The Tuolumne Fire District (hereinafter “TFD” or “District”) is a 2.0 +/- square mile Special District which provides fire protection related services within its jurisdiction and neighboring jurisdictions. The scope of these services includes structural fire suppression, special and wildland fire suppression, fire protection planning, fire prevention activities, basic life support, vehicle extrication, public assists, public education, as well as various other related services. The Fire District is frequently the first emergency service provider to arrive at the scene of any non-law enforcement type of emergency incident both within the district and within an additional 10 square miles in the jurisdiction of the Tuolumne County Fire Department. The district headquarters is located at 18690 Main St Tuolumne, Tuolumne County, California.

**II. PLANNING PROCESS A. DMA 2000 Requirements**

**DMA Requirements** An open public involvement process is essential to the development of

**§201.6(b) and** an effective plan. In order to develop a more comprehensive approach

**§201.6(c)(1):** to reducing the effects of natural disasters, the planning process shall include:

(1) An opportunity for the public to comment on the plan during the drafting stage and prior to plan approval;

(2) An opportunity for neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, and agencies that have the authority to regulate development, as well as businesses, academia and other private and non-profit interests to be involved in the planning process; and

(3) Review and incorporation, if appropriate, of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information.

The plan shall document the planning process used to develop the plan, including how it was prepared, who was involved in the process, and how the public was involved.

**B. Plan Development and Public Input Process/Countywide Elements**

Volume 1 is the master planning document which contains all elements applicable to the County of Tuolumne and each of the 22 individual jurisdictions. Plan development commenced with a review and revision of the updated 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Each of the participating jurisdictions participated fully in the mitigation plan update.

A news release was developed and issued and informative letters were sent out to community groups and neighboring jurisdictions inviting public participation. A Hazard Mitigation Planning Group was constructed with representatives from all involved jurisdictions and community stakeholders. Planning group meetings were held which explained the process that was going to be taken to construct the new plan, reviewed hazards of concern and hazard rankings, and explained the risks and vulnerability to the communities’ people, buildings and infrastructure. Mitigation goals, objectives and actions were discussed and reviewed thoroughly with all planning group members until concurrence was reached. A capability assessment and action plan were developed to ensure mitigation actions were realistic and attainable and to assign funding sources and responsibility for each proposed activity.

After the MJHMP Planning Group Members, their respective jurisdictions, and Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services were all satisfied with the newly updated draft plan and its mitigation goal, objectives and actions, a noticed public hearing occurred at the County Board of Supervisor Chambers. This meeting was widely advertised both locally and in neighboring counties to provide an opportunity for the general public, bordering communities and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities to participate in the planning process. Notice of the public hearing was posted, two weeks in advance, on the County website, community bulletin boards and through a press release. Notification letters were sent to Office of Emergency Services managers in all neighboring Counties. Several weeks prior to the hearing, the newly constructed Plan was posted on the County website to enable the public and stakeholders ample time to read and evaluate it. A Power Point presentation was developed that provided a detailed explanation of the risks and vulnerabilities the community faced.

The mitigation goals, objectives and actions were explained in detail as were the resources that would be used to help mitigate these hazards. In addition, the general public had an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the proposed plan and each of the annexes as they moved through the approval process for Tuolumne County and each of the participating jurisdictions. All comments were reviewed with the stakeholder group and incorporated into the plan as appropriate.

**C. Jurisdiction Specific Planning and Approval Process**

The Fire Chief of the District participated in the Hazard Mitigation Planning Group. The Chief prepared a staff report, which was made available to the public for comment, and was forwarded to the District’s Board of Directors. A public meeting was held within the jurisdiction; no input was received from the general public at our public meeting.

Adoption by the District demonstrates the jurisdiction’s commitment to fulfilling the hazard mitigation goals and actions outlined in the plan. Adoption legitimizes the plan and authorizes the District to execute its responsibilities.

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| **III.**  **A.** | **RISK ASSESSMENT**  **DMA 2000 Requirements** |  |
|  | **DMA Requirement** | The risk assessment shall include a description of the type … |
|  | **§201.6(c)(2)(i):** | of all natural hazards that can affect the jurisdiction… . |
|  | **DMA Requirement** | The risk assessment shall include a description of the … |
|  | **§201.6(c)(2)(i)**: | location and extent of all natural hazards that can affect the |
|  |  | jurisdiction. The plan shall include information on previous |
|  |  | occurrences of hazard events and on the probability of future |
|  |  | hazard events. |
|  | **DMA Requirement** | For multi-jurisdictional plans, the risk assessment must assess |
|  | **§201.6(c)(2)(iii)**: | each jurisdiction’s risks where they vary from the risks facing the |
|  |  | entire planning area. |

**B. Jurisdiction Specific Risks**

While a detailed hazard description and analysis can be found in the individual hazard profiles found in

Volume 1 of this plan, as outlined below the District is susceptible to the following hazards.

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| **Jurisdiction** | **Earthquake** | **Wildland**  **Fire** | **Extreme**  **Weather** | **Flood** | **Volcano** | **Haz**  **Mat** |
| Tuolumne Fire District |  |  |  |  |  | *  |

The district is situated at about 2,750-foot elevation in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The district experiences a mediterranean type climate characterized by cool, wet winters and hot, dry summers. The district experiences freezing temperatures and occasional snow cover in the winter. Summer weather is normally hot and dry with late summer winds and low humidities creating widespread fire danger. The district is surrounded geographically by steep and hilly terrain. To the east of the district is the Stanislaus National Forest, the South, North, and West is mostly private lands with mixed commercial properties.

**C. Jurisdiction Specific Hazard Event History**

While a detailed hazard history can be found in the individual hazard profiles found in Volume 1 of this plan, the following events are specific to the District or have occurred in close proximity:

**Earthquake History**

Historically, earthquake activity in Tuolumne County is significantly below the California state average. In fact, it has one of the lowest earthquake risks in the State. As outlined below, a total of 5 historical earthquake events with recorded magnitudes of 3.5 or greater occurred in or near (50 Miles) Tuolumne County this past century.

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| **Date** | **Description** | **Distance from Sonora** | **Impacts** |
| March 26, 1872 | 7.6 – 8.0 Magnitude | Epicenter Unknown | Unknown |
| June 25, 1933 | 6.1 Magnitude | 49.6 Miles | Unknown |
| June 10, 1965 | 3.5 Magnitude | 42.6 Miles | None |
| August 10, 1975 | 4.0 Magnitude | 44.3 Miles | None |
| August 9, 1983 | 4.0 Magnitude | 40.8 Miles | None |

**Wildfire History**

Numerous small fires occur on an annual basis in and around the District. The weather, topography and fuels in the area make fire a constant threat for typically 6 months a year. While a detailed fire history for the entire county can be found in Volume 1 of this plan the following is a sample of fires that have occurred in this general vicinity and share similar fuel types, weather, and topography.

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| **Date** | **Description** | **Impacts** |
| September 2004 | Tuolumne Fire | 750 acres burned and 1  firefighter fatality. |
| August 1987 | Stanislaus Complex | 6 major fires burn 145,950  acres, 28 structures, and 1 life was lost. |
| August 2013 | Rim Fire | 257,314 acres burned, 11 residences destroyed, 98 out buildings destroyed, 10 injuries |

**Extreme Weather History**

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| **Date** |  | **Description** | **Impacts** |
| January - February  1969 | Low elevation, heavy snow fall | | Tree damage and  transportation issues. |
| November 2010 | Freeze |  | Significant damage to apple  and olive crops |
| March 2011 | Winter storm |  | Minor flooding and significant  damage to structures caused by tree falls. |
| January – February 2017 | Winter Storm |  | Road closed, Roads damaged, Power lines down, major power outage, trees falling into homes |

**Volcanic History**

There is no history of volcanic activity in recorded history. The proximity to volcanic active areas does

present a remote threat of ash fall and the associated respiratory illnesses.

**Flood History**

Flooding does not occur in this mountain community, consequently the District does not participate in the NFIP. However, the County does.

**D. Jurisdiction Specific Hazard Ranking**

Given the past history, the current conditions, and the overall life and property threat to the District the Planning Committee has deemed the probability and severity of each hazard as follows:

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| **Tuolumne Fire District** | **Wildfire** | **Earthquake** | **Volcano** | **Extreme**  **Weather** | **Hazardous Materials** |
| Probability | H | L | L | M | L |
| Severity | H | H | M | M | L |

L = Low, M= Medium, H = High

**IV. VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT**

**A. Overview**

The vulnerability assessment is a summary of the hazard’s impact to the community’s vulnerable structures. Community assets and development trends will be identified and assessed with respect to the developed hazard profiles to ascertain the potential amount of damage that could ensue from each identified hazard. This section will include: 1) A description of the critical buildings and infrastructure within the study areas including future building and land use decisions. 2) A general description of the extent of each hazard’s impacts to these vulnerable structures, 3) An estimate of the potential dollar losses to vulnerable structures.

**B. DMA 2000 Requirements**

**DMA Requirement** The risk assessment shall include a description of the jurisdiction’s

**§201.6(c)(2)(ii):** vulnerability to the hazards described in paragraph (c)(2)(i) of this section. This description shall include an overall summary of each hazard and its impact on the community.

**DMA Requirement** The plan should describe vulnerability in terms of the types and

**§201.6(c)(2)(ii)(A):** numbers of existing and future buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities located in the identified hazard areas .

**DMA Requirement** The plan should describe vulnerability in terms of an estimate of the

**§201.6(c)(2)(ii)(B):** potential dollar losses to vulnerable structures identified in paragraph (c)(2)(i)(A) of this section and a description of the methodology used to prepare the estimate .

**DMA Requirement** The plan should describe vulnerability in terms of providing a

**§201.6(c)(2)(ii)(C):** general description of land uses and development trends within the community so that mitigation options can be considered in future land decisions.

**DMA Requirement** For multi-jurisdictional plans, the risk assessment must assess each

**§201.6(c)(2)(iii):** jurisdiction’s risks where they vary from the risks facing the entire planning area.

**C. Critical Facilities and Infrastructure**

Critical facilities and infrastructure are those systems within each community whose incapacity or destruction would have a debilitating effect on the community’s ability to recover subsequent to a major disaster. The following critical facility and infrastructure are categorized as follows:

1. **Emergency Services** for the health and welfare of the whole population (e.g., hospitals, police, fire stations, emergency operations centers, evacuation shelters, schools).

2. **Lifeline Utility Systems** such as potable water, wastewater, oil, natural gas, electric power and communications systems.

3. **Transportation Systems** including railways, highways, waterways, airways and city streets to enable effective movement of services, goods and people.

4. **High Potential Loss Facilities** such as power plants, dams and levees.

**D. Jurisdictional Assets at Risk to Applicable Hazards**

The district has made continuous improvements to their facilities including energy efficiency upgrades, living quarters, an emergency stand by generator, and a new roof. The district operates out of a 5,000 square foot, two story station.

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| **Critical Facilities and**  **Infrastructure** | **Address** | **Building Value** | **Wildfire** | **Flood** | **Earthquake** | **Landslides/ Sinkholes** | **Volcano** | **Extreme Weather** |
| Tuolumne Fire District | 18690 Main St.  Tuolumne, CA 95379 | $1,624,448 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**E. Methodology Used**

To determine the number of critical structures and infrastructure at risk, a combination of field surveys, aerial photos, GIS maps, and Google Earth software were used. The methodology used in preparing the Vulnerability Estimate consisted of determining the value of critical buildings and facilities from insurance property schedules. Critical infrastructure values were established by using actual replacement costs which were determined by recent comparable replacement projects.

**F. Loss Estimations**

Dollar losses to buildings and infrastructure vary depending upon the natural hazard occurring and the severity of the hazard. In general, earthquakes can extensively damage a wide area therefore critical structure and infrastructure losses should be estimated at a 100% value. Destruction from flooding takes place in specific areas and the damage is historically less severe than that of an earthquake. Thus, the estimated loss as a result of flooding should be calculated at the 50% level. Damage resulting from wildfires should be calculated at 25% of structural value for those structures located within 300 feet of the wildfire areas. Extreme weather could impact any portion of the jurisdiction. Historical data indicates that these events are extremely localized and a 10% loss should be anticipated.

**G. Development Trend Analysis**

While the population of Tuolumne County is not expected to grow significantly in the next five years, there are Land Use policies and elements within the County General Plan to help assure orderly development when it does occur. No significant development changes have occurred since the initial Plan was developed.

In addition, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Tuolumne County is tasked with the mission to provide an orderly pattern of growth that reconciles the varied needs of the County. One of the fundamental principles of LAFCO is to ensure the establishment of an appropriate and logical municipal government structure for the distribution of efficient ad appropriate public services. LAFCO Land Use Objectives include:

• The discouragement of urban sprawl

• Preservation of the physical and economic integrity of agricultural lands

• Preservation of open space within urban development patterns

• Orderly formation and development of agencies by shaping local agency boundaries

• The minimization of agencies providing services to a given area

• Utilization of Spheres of Influence to guide future development of agency boundaries.

**V. CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT**

The following resources are available to the jurisdiction in order to mitigate the effects of the identified hazards:

**A. Legal and Regulatory**

The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors elected from within the District. It is organized and governed pursuant to the California Fire Protection District Law of 1987 (CA Health & Safety Code sections 13800 et. seq.)

Land use planning is governed by the County of Tuolumne.

**B. Administrative and Technical**

The district staffs one fire station located at 18690 Main St. Tuolumne, CA 95379. Fire protection and other services are provided by:

* 1 full-time paid fire chief
* 1 full-time paid fire captain
* 6 volunteer internship fire fighters (2 per day)
* 10 volunteer/relief personnel

These limited human resources severely reduce the technical and administrative abilities of the district to manage hazard mitigation projects without outside assistance.

**C. Financial**

This District has a limited budget; about one-fifth from Ad Valorem property taxes, and the rest from a MOU with the Tuolumne Band of Me Wuk Indians. The District’s projected budgets will be insufficient to meet two critical needs: providing sufficient staffing to meet its commitments, and providing resources (fire engines) that are reliable.

The District’s budget has benefited from federal, state, and private grants; however, these grants do not address ongoing expenses and increasing costs of basic services. The potential exists to continue obtaining grant funding for special projects that may prove beneficial to the District, but acquiring grant funds is very competitive and always limited to a short duration.

**D. Political Will of Community**

The District in general has a strong commitment to serving the public and providing excellent and reliable service, and will lead or cooperate in any hazard mitigation activities that are within the means and abilities of the District. The political will of the community is demonstrated by the support from the community members, faith based organizations, and non-profits.

**E. Physical Assets**

This Fire Protection District possesses the equipment it needs to respond to fires and other emergency calls, including:

* 2002 Ferrara type I engine.
* 2002 West states type II engine.
* 2008 Ferrara type III engine.
* 2004 Ford explorer support vehicle.
* 2008 GMC 1500 command vehicle.

These physical assets currently meet the needs of the district to provide the services it is obligated to provide; however, the fleet of fire engines is aging and highly expensive to maintain in reliable condition to meet the emergency service needs of the district. The district needs replacement fire engines that are newer and more reliable while also being less costly to maintain

**VI. MITIGATION STRATEGY A. DMA 2000 Requirements**

**DMA Requirement** The hazard mitigation strategy shall include a description of

**§201.6(c)(3)(i):** mitigation goals to reduce or avoid long-term vulnerabilities to the identified hazards.

**DMA Requirement** The mitigation strategy shall include a section that identifies and

**§201.6(c)(3)(ii):** analyzes a comprehensive range of specific mitigation actions and projects being considered to reduce the effects of each hazard, with particular emphasis on new and existing buildings and infrastructure.

**B. 2023 Mitigation Action Progress Report**

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| **2023 Jurisdiction Specific**  **Mitigation Actions** | **Progress Made** |
| Educate key stakeholders and the public to increase awareness of hazards and opportunities for mitigating hazards. | Participate in group education programs, Installed an emergency alert system on top of the station and coordinated with County OES for future activations. Assisted with an emergency evacuation program that has been adopted county wide. |
| Improve existing capabilities to manage emergency situations.  Enhance the safety of residents, students and staff within the community and jurisdictions. | Implemented County-wide Mutual / Automatic Aid Agreement.  Obtained grants to purchase new equipment. |
| Continue the comprehensive approach to reducing the level of damage and losses due to wildland fires through vegetation management, code enforcement, GIS mapping, and planning processes.  Enhance collaboration amongst all fire agencies and stakeholders. | Collaborates with CAL FIRE in its VIP Program.  Use Avenza Maps to supplement printed Emergency Response Maps; Adopted Active911 emergency dispatch software integrating map with emergency location, fire hydrant locations, known hazard locations, lock combinations, etc.  Participate in Ready, Set, Go programs.  Support Firewise communities.  Work with Fire Safe Council to establish new shaded fuel breaks in the Tuolumne area. |
| Continue public education efforts so as to better prepare the citizens of Tuolumne  County from the effects of a significant geological event. | No appreciable progress |
| Continue efforts to manage the use, sale, distribution and disposal of hazardous materials in Tuolumne County. | No appreciable progress |

**C. Goals, Objectives and Mitigation Actions 2023**

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| **Goal 1 Promote understanding and support for hazard mitigation** | |
|  | **by key stakeholders and the public within Tuolumne** |
|  | **County.** |
| Applies to: | All jurisdictions |
| Objective 1 | Educate key stakeholders and the public to increase awareness |
|  | of hazards and opportunities for mitigating hazards. |
| Mitigation Action 1A: | Through newsletters, advertisements, speaking engagements |
|  | and other public contacts, educate the general public and key |
|  | stakeholders on the issues, responsibilities, and current efforts |
|  | and successes in the area of disaster preparedness as they |
|  | impact each agency. |
| Mitigation Action 1B: | Conduct periodic workshops and promotion of the Emergency Notification Systems available to the public to ensure familiarity of the public to warning applications. |

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| **Goal 2 Ensure that future development is protected from natural** | | | | | |
|  | | **disasters.** | |  | |
| Applies to: | | Tuolumne County, City of Sonora, Tuolumne Band of Me- | | | |
|  | | Wuk Indians, and the Tuolumne Utilities District. | | | |
| Objective 2 | | Limit new development in hazardous areas, and as | | | |
|  | | permissible, build to standards that will prevent or reduce | | | |
|  | | damage. | | | |
| Mitigation Action 2A: | | Educate the County and City planning staffs, administrative | | | |
|  | | staffs and elected officials on the importance of keeping | | | |
|  | | current on trends and developments in disaster preparedness. | | | |
| Mitigation Action 2B: | | Encourage planning staffs to attend seminars and lectures on | | | |
|  | | naturally occurring hazards so that they may better assist the | | | |
|  | | appropriate governing bodies as they process future | | | |
|  | | developments. | | | |
| Mitigation Action 2C: | | In order to better protect life and property, continue to develop | | | |
|  | | a more accurate and comprehensive series of countywide | | | |
|  | | GIS geology, fire, and flood maps and data sets. | | | |
| **Goal 3 Build and support local capacity and commitment to** | | | | |
|  | **minimize the jurisdictions within Tuolumne County’s** | |  | |
|  | **vulnerability to potential hazards.** | | | |
| Applies to: | All jurisdiction**s** | | | |
| Objective 3.1 | Improve existing capabilities to manage emergency situations. | | | |
| Objective 3.2 | Enhance the safety of residents, students and staff within the | | | |
|  | community and jurisdictions. | | | |

Objective 3.3: Enhance the communications between agencies to support emergency response

Mitigation Action 3.1A: In order to ensure that employees are available to assist during a major emergency, develop and adopt a Family Support Plan for all jurisdictions and County agencies.

Mitigation Action 3.1B: Review and when necessary, update the jurisdiction’s Emergency Operations Plans and supporting documents

Mitigation Action 3.1C: Assist with Public Health Emergency Preparedness to plan and prepare for medical and healthcare impacts which would result from all hazards within the County

Mitigation Action 3.2A: Review the initial planning requirements and research the development of standard operating procedures which would minimize helicopter operations over Sonora Elementary School as they utilize the helistop at Sonora Regional Medical Center

Mitigation Action 3.2B: Support the efforts of the Tuolumne Utilities District to better protect public health by initiating a Watershed Sanitary Survey

Mitigation Action 3.2C: Work with Fire Safe Councils and the County to identify opportunities for additional evacuation routes within single-access areas

Mitigation Action 3.2D: TUD will study and seek funding to increase the raw water storage or establish a secure conveyance from Lyons Reservoir to ensure service for both domestic consumption and urban fire protection

Mitigation Action 3.2E: Make improvements to wastewater systems by replacing or relining collection pipes so as to reduce sewer overflows and limit inflow and infiltration subsequently reducing the public health threat.

Mitigation Action 3.2F: Develop a program that would, in emergency situations, enable water districts and water companies to share water resources through interconnections

Mitigation Action 3.2G: Develop a program to secure water rights for Tuolumne County

Mitigation Action 3.2 H: Promote a county-wide sewer connection to reduce septic failure impacts and improve water quality.

Mitigation Action 3.2J: Promote land use recommendations that new developments occur adjacent to public water and wastewater facilities.

Mitigation Action 3.3: Build and maintain communications between County agencies, Special Districts, and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians to assist in the response to emergencies

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| **Goal 4 Minimize the level of damage and losses to people, existing** | | |
|  | **and future critical facilities and infrastructure due to** |  |
|  | **flooding.** | |
| Applies to: | Tuolumne County, City of Sonora, Curtis Creek School District, | |
|  | Belleview School District | |
| Objective 4 | Enhance the ability of community assets, particularly critical | |
|  | facilities, located in the 100-year floodplain to handle existing | |
|  | and projected flood levels | |
| Mitigation Action 4A Work to improve localized flood prone areas through a combination of vegetation | | |
|  | management and storm drain improvements. (i.e. Sonora, Curtis, Sullivan, and  Woods Creeks) | |

Mitigation Action 4B: Maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Mitigation Action 4C: Through the Development Process Review team, restrict construction of essential service facilities in the 100-year flood plain.

Mitigation Action 4D: In order to better protect life and property, record a notice on properties located in flood zones utilizing FIRM maps and notify property owners of said action.

Mitigation Action 4E: Continue to work cooperatively with the state and federal flood related agencies for funding improvements through grant and agency programs.

Mitigation Action 4F: Seek funding sources for and initiate watershed improvement projects for the County.

Mitigation Action 4G: Study ways to improve drainage to prevent erosion on the steep slopes of the Curtis Creek campus and seek funding sources for mitigation.

Mitigation Action 4H: Study ways to improve drainage to prevent erosion on the steep slopes of the Belleview School campus and seek funding sources for mitigation.

Mitigation Action 4I: Work with Belleview School to identify and evaluate opportunities to create additional evacuation routes within the single-access areas in the district.

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| **Goal 5 Minimize the level of damage and losses to people, existing** | | | | |
|  | | **and future critical facilities and infrastructure due to** | |  |
|  | | **wildland fires.** | | |
| Applies to: | | All Jurisdictions | | |
| Objective 5.1 | | Continue the comprehensive approach to reducing the level of | | |
|  | | damage and losses due to wildland fires through vegetation management, code enforcement, GIS mapping, and planning process. | | |
| Objective 5.2 | | Enhance collaboration amongst all fire agencies and stakeholders. | | |
| Mitigation Action 5.1A: | | In order to assist fire prevention efforts and to better manage large fires when they occur, continue to improve GIS mapping and tracking efforts by gathering and maintaining relevant GIS data layers and imagery and utilizing the best available mapping applications and software**.** | | |
| Mitigation Action 5.1B: | | Continue to work with the Hwy 108 Fire Safe Council, Yosemite Foothills FireSafe Council, and SWIFT to initiate fuel thinning and  chipping projects in high priority areas. Collaborate with property owners and regulatory agencies in order to utilize prescribed fire on private and state owned lands in the county. | | |
| Mitigation Action 5.1C: | | Work with the Hwy 108 Fire Safe Council, Yosemite Foothills Fire Safe Council, and SWIFT to update as needed the Community Wildfire Protection Plans for the County so that they will continue to:  - Assess the fire hazard in the County  - Prioritize treatment areas  - Enhance collaboration amongst all fire agencies and  stakeholders  - Streamline environmental review processes | | |
| Mitigation Action 5.1D: | | Improve water supply and storage for firefighting use at the Curtis Creek Campus. | | |
| Mitigation Action 5.1E: | | Develop a wildfire evacuation plan which includes sheltering in place at Curtis Creek School. | | |
| Mitigation Action 5.1F: | | Work with the Tuolumne Utilities District to improve fire flow, system reliability and redundancy, and increased water supply in their responsibility areas. | | |
| Mitigation Action 5.1G: | | Protect water conveyance system by reducing fuels adjacent to wooden flumes. | | |
| Mitigation Action 5.1H: | | Develop a County Fire Agency GIS layer showing fire water draft locations. | | |
| Mitigation Action 5.1I: | | Work with the Lake Don Pedro Community Services District to improve system reliability and redundancy, and increased water supply in their responsibility areas. | | |
| Mitigation Action 5.1J: | | Work with the Lake Don Pedro Community Services District and PG&E to improve the reliability of the electrical grid in  Don Pedro and provide for emergency backup power supply to  be used during power outages at critical water system facilities. | | |
| Mitigation Action 5.2A: | | Encourage participation of all Fire Agencies in the monthly Fire Chief Association meetings and support, when possible, efforts by the Association to improve fire protection and preventions efforts in the County. | | |
| Mitigation Action 5.2B: | | Encourage participation in cooperative automatic and mutual aid agreements between Districts, the County and the City of Sonora. | | |
| **Goal 6 Minimize the level of damage and losses to people, existing** | | |
|  | **and future critical facilities and infrastructure due to** | |
|  | **geological events (earthquakes, volcanoes, landslides, and** | |
|  | **sinkholes)** | |
| Applies to: | All jurisdictions | |
| Objective 6 | Continue public education efforts so as to better prepare the  citizens of Tuolumne County from the effects of a significant  geological event | |
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Mitigation Action 6A: Working with Cal OES, increase participation in earthquake preparedness activities such as the annual Great California Shake-Out drill

Mitigation Action 6B: Continue to support the work of utility districts in replacing sewer and water lines and portions of the flume that are the most vulnerable to an earthquake or landslide

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| **Goal 7** | **Limit risk to, and impacts from hazardous materials spills,** | |
|  | **intentional discharges, illegal disposals, transportation** |  |
|  | **accidents, or system failures** | |
| Applies to: | All Jurisdictions | |
| Objective 7.1 | Continue efforts to manage the use, sale, distribution and | |
|  | disposal of hazardous materials in Tuolumne County | |
| Objective 7.2 | Improve emergency response efforts in the control and clean-up | |
|  | of accidental spills and releases | |

Mitigation Action 7.1A: Educate community members on the dangers associated with household hazardous materials including proper storage techniques

Mitigation Action 7.1B: Continue efforts to educate applicable employees on the handling, use, storage and disposal of hazardous materials utilized in the workplace

Mitigation Action 7.2A: In coordination with the Environmental Health Director, develop procedures to enhance the response to Hazardous Material Incidents

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| **Goal 8 Minimize the level of damage and losses to people, existing**  **and future infrastructure, and critical facilities due to**  **extreme weather** | |
| Applies to: All Jurisdictions | |
| Objective 8.1 Continue the comprehensive approach to reducing the level of damage and losses due to extreme weather and drought through GIS mapping, planning process, and the removal of dead and dying trees. |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Mitigation Action 8.1A: | Analyze and remove hazards that threaten public safety due to the  cascading effects of drought such as dry wells and tree mortality | | Mitigation Action 8.1B: | Encourage water agencies to conduct water supply evaluations for each public water system to determine the effect of drought on community water supply | | Mitigation Action 8.1C: | Work with the Lake Don Pedro Community Services District to improve the availability and reliability of Lake McClure pumping capacities at lower water surface elevations | | Mitigation Action 8.1D: | Work with the Lake Don Pedro Community Services District to  increase groundwater supply and/or identify other alternate water sources to be used when drought and related reservoir operational requirements diminish the water supply available from Lake McClure | |

**D. How Mitigation Goals Address Existing and New Buildings and Infrastructure**

The following tables demonstrate how the proposed mitigation goals take into account both existing and new

buildings and infrastructure.

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| **MITIGATION GOALS** |  |  | **EXISTING BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE** | | | | |  |  |
|  | **Electrical and Power Infrastructure** | **Dams and Water Management** | | **Communication**  **Facilities** | **Critical Roads and Bridges** | **Essential Service Facilities**  **(Fire, Law, Hospitals** | **Agricultural**  **Infrastructure** | | **Public**  **Structures** |
| **Goal 1-General**  **Mitigation:** Promote  understanding and support for hazard mitigation by key stakeholders and the public within the County of Tuolumne. | **X** | **X** |  | **X** | **X** | **X** |  | **X** | **X** |
| **Goal 2-General**  **Mitigation:** Ensure that  future development is protected from natural disasters. | **X** | **X** |  | **X** | **X** | **X** |  | **X** | **X** |
| **Goal 3-General**  **Mitigation:** Build and  support local capacity and commitment to minimize the County of Tuolumne’s vulnerability to potential hazards. |  | **X** |  |  | **X** | **X** |  | **X** | **X** |
| **Goal 4-Flood:** Minimize  the level of damage and losses to people, existing and future critical facilities and infrastructure due to flooding. | **X** | **X** |  | **X** | **X** | **X** |  | **X** | **X** |

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| **Goal 5-Wildfire:** Minimize the level of damage and losses to people, existing and future critical facilities and infrastructure due to wildfire. | X | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| **Goal 6-Earthquake:**  Minimize the level of  damage and losses to people, existing and future critical facilities and infrastructure due to earthquake, landslide and sinkholes. | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| **Goal 7- Extreme Weather:**  Minimize the level of damage and losses to people, existing and future critical facilities, and infrastructure due to extreme weather. | **X** | **X** |  | **X** | **X** |  | **X** |

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| **MITIGATION GOALS** | **NEW PROJECTS/BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE** | | | | | |
|  | **Residential**  **Subdivisions** | **Various mixed use projects**  **(residential and commercial)** | **Ag Clusters**  **(residential, open space, and Ag**  **uses)** | **Commercial and**  **Industrial**  **Projects** | **Essential**  **Service**  **Facilities** | **Public**  **Structures** |
| **Goal 1-General**  **Mitigation:** Promote  understanding and support for hazard mitigation by key stakeholders and the public within the County of Tuolumne. | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| **Goal 2-General**  **Mitigation:** Ensure  that future development is protected from natural disasters. | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| **Goal 3-General Mitigation:** Build and support local capacity and commitment to minimize the County of Tuolumne’s vulnerability to potential hazards. | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| **Goal 4-Flood:**  Minimize the level of  damage and losses to people, existing and future critical facilities and infrastructure due to flooding. | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |

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| **Goal 5-Wildfire:** Minimize the level of damage and losses to people, existing and future critical facilities and infrastructure due to wildfire. | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| **Goal 6-Earthquake:**  Minimize the level of  damage and losses to people, existing and future critical facilities and infrastructure due to earthquake, landslide and sinkholes. | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| **Goal 7- Extreme Weather:**  Minimize the level of damage and losses to people, existing and future critical facilities, and infrastructure due to extreme weather. | **X** | **X** |  |  | **X** | **X** |

**VII. MITIGATION ACTION IMPLEMENTATION**

**A. DMA 2000 Requirements:**

**DMA Requirement** The plan maintenance process shall include a section describing the

**§201.6(c)(4)(i):** method and schedule of monitoring, evaluating, and updating the mitigation plan within a five-year cycle.

**DMA Requirement** The plan shall include a process by which local governments

**§201.6(c)(4)(ii):** incorporate the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, when appropriate.

**DMA Requirement** The mitigation strategy section shall include an action plan

**§201.6(c)(3)(iii):** describing how the actions identified in section (c)(3)(ii) will be prioritized, implemented, and administered by the local jurisdiction. Prioritization shall include a special emphasis on the extent to which benefits are maximized according to a cost benefit review of the proposed projects and their associated costs.

**DMA Requirement** For multi-jurisdictional plans, there must be identifiable action items

**§201.6(c)(3)(iv)** specific to the jurisdiction requesting FEMA approval or credit of the plan.

**B. Prioritization of Mitigation Actions**

The Mitigation actions were prioritized using a system which is outlined below. This system factored in the following components: 1) Probability of Occurrence 2) Effectiveness of Mitigation Actions, 3)Practicality of mitigation action for the jurisdiction based on the STAPLE+E criteria of Social, Technical, Administrative, Political, Legal, Economic and Environmental components. This gave rise to the development of an overall relative risk value that resulted in ratings of HIGH, MEDIUM and LOW for each of the mitigation actions. The resultant prioritization was presented to key stakeholders and lengthy discussions were held to ensure that the results were indeed applicable to the priorities and capabilities of the jurisdictions’ served.

**Sample Mitigation Action Prioritization Worksheet**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mitigation  Action | Probability of  Associated Threat Occurrence Low=1  Med.=2  High=3 | Effectiveness  of Mitigation Action Minimal=1  Moderate=2  High=3 | Practicality  (based on STAPLE+E criteria) Low=1  Medium=2  High=3 | Relative Risk  (Product of Risk Components) |
| 1.A | 3 | 2 | 3 | 18 |

In assessing and evaluating each strategy, the following factors were considered:

• The benefit justified the cost

• The availability of financial resources

• The availability of staff resources

• Impact on County department functions

• Strategies reflect the goals and objectives

**C. Action Plan**

Once the MJHMP has received formal adoption by the Board of Supervisors and the various governing bodies the following action plan, agreed upon by Hazard Mitigation Planning Group, will be used to ensure the Plan is implemented and remains an active and relevant document. Actual implementation may be dependent upon funding availability.

**ACTION PLAN FOR TUOLUMNE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

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| **MITIGATION ACTION** | | **IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY** | | | | | |
| **ID** | **DESCRIPTION** | **RESPONSIBLE**  **DEPARTMENT** | | **FUNDING**  **SOURCES** | **TIME TO COMPLETE** | **PRIORITY** | |
| 1.A | Educate Public and Stakeholders | OES – lead All support | | General  Funds | Ongoing | Medium | |
| 1.B | Promote Everbridge | OES- lead All Support | | None Required | Ongoing | Low | |
| 2.A | Educate Staff | OES – lead All support | | None  Required | Ongoing | Medium | |
| 2.B | Continuing Education | OES –lead  All support | | General  Funds | Ongoing | Medium | |
| 2.C | Improve GIS  Capabilities | County CRA,  City of Sonora & CAL Fire | | General  Funds | 36 Months | Medium | |
| 3.1A | Develop/ Adopt Family  Support Plan | All agencies  OES support | | General  Funds | 12 Months | Medium | |
| 3.1B | Emergency Operations Plans | All agencies  OES support | | None  Required | 12 Months | Medium | |
| 3.1C | Medical Preparedness | Public Health-Lead  All Support | | None Required | Ongoing | Medium | |
| 3.2A | Helicopter  Operations | OES | | None  Required | Ongoing | Low | |
| 3.2B | Watershed Survey | TUD | | Grant | 12 Months | Medium | |
| 3.2C | Single Access Routes | Fire Safe Council and Community Resources Agency | | Grant and General Fund | 36 Months | Medium | |
| 3.2D | Raw Water Storage | TUD | | Grant | 24 Months | Medium | |
| 3.2E | Wastewater System  Improvements | TUD | General  Fund & Grants | | 24 Months | | High | |
| 3.2F | Water Interconnections | All water  agencies | None Required | | 36 Months | | Medium | |
| 3.2G | Water Rights | All water  agencies | Grants &  General  Funds | | Ongoing | | Medium | |
| 3.2H | Promote Sewer Connection | Water Agencies with support of all agencies | None Required | | Ongoing | | Low | |
| 3.2I | Promote Development adjacent water facilities | Water Agencies with support of all agencies | None Required | | Ongoing | | Low | |
| 3.3 | Maintain Communications | All agencies | None Required | | Ongoing | | Medium | |
| 4.A | Creek/Storm Drain  Management | County CRA and  City of Sonora | General  Fund | | Fall of each  year | | Low | |
| 4.B | NFIP Requirements | County CRA and  City of Sonora | General  Fund | | Ongoing | | Medium | |
| 4.C | Development Review | County CRA and  City of Sonora | General  Fund | | Ongoing | | Medium | |
| 4.D | Notice Property  Owners | County CRA and  City of Sonora | General  Fund | | 24 Months | | Medium | |
| 4.E | Storm Drain  Improvements | County CRA and  City of Sonora | Grants | | Ongoing | | Medium | |
| 4.F | County Watershed  Projects | County CRA | Grants | | 36 Months | | Medium | |
| 4.G | Drainage | Curtis Creek  School District | Grants | | 24 Months | | Medium | |
| 4.H | Drainage | Belleview School  District | Grants | | 24 Months | | Medium | |
| 4.I | Single Access Routes | Belleview School | Grants | | 24 Months | | Medium | |
| 5.1A | Improve GIS  Mapping and  Tracking | CAL Fire-County  Fire | General  Fund | | 36 Months | | Medium | |
| 5.1B | Fuel Thinning and  Chipping Projects | All fire agencies | Grants | | Ongoing | | High | |
| 5.1C | Community Wildfire  Protection Plan  Update | CAL Fire-County  Fire | General  Fund | | 12 Months | | Medium | |
| 5.1D | Improve Water  Supply/ Storage at  Curtis Creek School | Curtis Creek  School District | Grants | | 24 Months | | High | |
| 5.1E | Evacuation Plans for  Curtis Creek | District  Superintendent with fire agencies supporting | None  Required | | 12 Months | | High | |
| 5.1F | Water Supply/Fire  Flow | TUD, with  fire agencies supporting | General  Funds and  Grants | | 36 Months | | High | |
| 5.1G | Protect Flumes | TUD, with fire  agencies supporting | General  Funds and  Grants | | Ongoing | | Medium | |
| 5.1H | County Fire GIS  Layer | County GIS- Lead  OES- Support | General Funds | | 36 Months | | Low | |
| 5.1I | Increase Water Supply for Lake Don Pedro CSD | Lake Don Pedro CSD- Lead  OES-Support | General  Funds and  Grants | | 36 Months | | Medium | |
| 5.1J | Increase Alternate Power Source for Lake Don Pedro | Lake Don Pedro CSD- Lead  OES-Support | General  Funds and  Grants | | 24 Months | | Medium | |
| 5.2A | Fire Chiefs  Association | All fire agencies | None  Required | | Ongoing | | Medium | |
| 5.2B | Mutual/Auto Aid | All fire agencies | None  Required | | Ongoing | | Medium | |
| 6.A | Earthquake  Preparedness  Exercises | OES – lead  All support | None  Required | | Fall of Each  Year | | Medium | |
| 6.B | Replace Vulnerable  Water/Sewer Lines | TUD | General  Fund | | 24 Months | | Medium | |
| 7.1A | Educate Community  on Hazardous  Materials | OES – lead  All support | None  Required | | Ongoing | | Medium | |
| 7.1B | Educate Staff on  Hazardous Materials | OES – lead  All support | None  Required | | Ongoing | | Medium | |
| 7.2A | Improve Response  Capabilities | Environmental Health– lead  fire agencies support | None  Required | | Ongoing | | Medium | |
| 8.1A | Removal of safety hazards caused by dry wells and Tree Mortality | All Agencies | Grant | | 36 Months | | High | |
| 8.1B | Water Supply Evaluation at Lake McClure | Lake Don Pedro CSD- Lead  OES Support | Grant and General Fund | | 24 Months | | Medium | |
| 8.1C | Improve Pumping Capacity at Lake McClure | Lake Don Pedro CSD- Lead  OES Support | Grant and General Fund | | 24 Months | | Medium | |
| 8.1D | Alternate Water Sources to Lake McClure | Lake Don Pedro CSD- Lead  OES Support | Grant and General Fund | | 36 Months | | Medium | |

**D. Implementation Through Existing Plans and Programs**

The general administrative oversight of this MJHMP rests with the Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services. Tuolumne County currently uses comprehensive land use planning, capital improvements planning, and building codes to guide and control development within the County. This MJHMP will be provided to those responsible for the County’s General Plan development mechanisms to ensure that consistency is maintained. The same holds true whenever substantive changes are made.

Specific Mitigation Actions have been assigned to this jurisdiction. These individual actions will fall under the general administrative oversight of the local governing body and will be incorporated into the existing Plans and Programs. Should technical expertise not be available in these agencies, the County Office of Emergency Services is committed to, when possible, coordinating the resources of the County to assist with implementation of the mitigation actions.

**E. Continued Public Involvement**

Tuolumne County and the District understand the importance of involving the public in the ongoing Hazard Mitigation Plan review and updating process. Resultantly, the following actions will be taken:

• A copy of the MJHMP will be posted on the County website and will direct the public on how to make suggestions to the County Office of Emergency Services for future plan edits.

• Hard copies of the Plan will be available at the County Office of Emergency Services and the County Library

**F. Plan Monitoring, Evaluating and Updating**

**DMA Requirement** A local jurisdiction must review and revise its plan to reflect changes in

**§201.6(d)(3):** development**,** progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in

priorities, and resubmit if for approval within 5 years in order to continue to be eligible for mitigation project grant funding.

In order to continue to be an effective representation of each jurisdiction’s overall strategy for reducing its risks from natural hazards, the mitigation plan must reflect current conditions. Monitoring and evaluating the plan will occur annually to make certain that the goals and objectives for the County and participating jurisdictions are current and mitigation activities are being carried out.

To ensure that regular review and update of this Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan takes place, the County Office of Emergency Services will communicate with the MJHMP Planning Group members annually to see if their plan components are up-to-date and meet current realities.

The MJHMP Planning Group will review each goal and objective to evaluate its:

• Relevance to current and evolving situations in Tuolumne County.

• Consistency with changes in local, state and federal policy.

The planning group will review the risk assessment component of the plan to ascertain if the information needs to be updated or modified. Each jurisdiction will report on:

• Current status of their mitigation actions

• How coordination efforts are proceeding

• Implementation processes that worked well

• Any difficulties encountered

• Any strategies in need of revision

If the plan review leads the Hazard Mitigation Planning Group to determine that modifications are necessary, then the County or the applicable jurisdiction can initiate a plan amendment.

**Acronyms**

**Acronym Definition**

CGS California Geological Survey

Cal EPA California Environmental Protection Agency

Caltrans California Department of Transportation

CAL Fire California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection CDF California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection CDHS California Department of Health Services

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

CGS California Geological Survey

CISN California Integrated Seismic Network CSSC California Seismic Safety Commission DFG State Department of Fish and Game DHS Department of Homeland Security DWR Department of Water Resources

FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency

FIRM Flood Insurance Rate Map FMA Flood Mitigation Assistance FMP Floodplain Management Plan

FRAP Fire and Resource Assessment Program

GIS Geographic Information System HMGP Hazard Mitigation Grant Program LHMP Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

MWSP Mi-Wuk Sugar Pine

NFIP National Flood Insurance Program

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NPS National Park Services

OES Governor’s Office of Emergency Services SEMS Standardized Emergency Management System SFHA Special Flood Hazard Area

USDA U.S. Department of Agriculture

USGS U.S. Geological Survey

Resolution will be Received Separately