



# Sonoma County MJHMP Steering Committee Meeting #3

**Date/Time of Meeting:** Thursday, October 22, 2020

**Location:** Digital

**Subject:** Steering Committee Meeting No. 3

**Project Name:** Sonoma County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

**In Attendance**

**Attendees:** Primaries – Gary Helfrich, Shelley Bianchi-Williamson, Richard Diaz, Hunter McLaughlin, Shari Meads, Katherine Duran, Mollie Asay, Marshall Turbeville, Scott Westrope, Ben Nicholls, Lisa Michelli; Alternates – Caerleon Safford, Adrienne Garayalde, Mickie Tagle, Mark Chandler, Kate Piontek; Amy Lyle, Public: Dave Schiltgen, Eduardo Hernandez, Unnamed Representative Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

**Planning Team:** Lisa Hulette, Bart Spencer, Rob Flaner, Carol Baumann, Des Alexander

**Not Present:** *The Nature Conservancy, Western Builders*

**Summary Prepared by:** Des Alexander

**Quorum – Yes or No** Yes

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## Welcome and Introductions

- Lisa gave the overview of the agenda and goals of the meeting
- Des completed the roll call
- 15 members were present, with 5 members from Tetra Tech
- A couple members of the public were on the call, including Dave Schiltgen (contributed on last HMP) and members from Graton Rancheria

## Planning Process

- Lisa asked the committee to review the steering committee meeting minutes from the last minute
- When no corrections were offered, **Shari Meads moved to approve the minutes which was seconded by Richard Diaz. The minutes were approved by the committee.**
- Lisa also asked for public comment, but none was offered at the time

## Old Business

- Rob and Bart clarified FEMA’s position on the term “equity” and why it would not be helpful to include in the HMP. FEMA currently has no official definition for “equity,” so they would have no accurate way to gauge whether it is included in the plan or not. However, FEMA has the BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) program which focuses on funding mitigation actions for the “whole community.” Lisa explained that “whole community” would be the term used for the HMP and that the later discussion regarding community lifelines can outline how that is covered.



# Meeting Summary

- Lisa went through the SurveyMonkey results regarding the final mission statement and goals. Lisa Micheli moved to accept the mission statement as written, which was seconded by Shari Meads. The committee voted and the mission statement was adopted. Steering committee members and general public members discussed redundancy in the goals as written and retooled the first five goals as a result.
- Those goals are now as follows: (1) **protect people and minimize loss of life, injury and social impacts** (2) **minimize potential for loss of property, economic and social impacts, and displacement due to hazards** (3) **minimize potential for environmental impacts and consider a broad-range of mitigation solutions, including nature-based solutions where feasible** (4) **communicate natural hazard risk to the whole community within Sonoma County** (5) **support and inform the development of relevant mitigation policies and programs**
- The motion to accept the new goals was made by Lisa Micheli and seconded by Mark Chandler. The new goals were then approved by the committee.
- Due to time constraints, the discussion on the remaining goals was postponed until the next meeting

## New Business

- Since all the goals had not been finalized, Bart explained that objectives could not be discussed until that time.
- Bart went on to explain critical facilities and how it related to FEMA's community lifelines concept. He and Rob asked members to identify critical structures in their jurisdictions that would be essential before, during, and after a disaster. These could be anything from the community general store or livestock veterinary offices. This list would not be public-facing and would be used by Tetra Tech to evaluate risk and vulnerability.
- **A motion to move forward with the community lifelines construct was made by Richard Diaz and seconded by Mickie Tagle. It was then approved by the committee.**

## Jurisdictional Annex Process

- Bart updated committee members with annex participant statistics. As of the meeting time, about 60-70% of participating jurisdictions had turned in their phase 1 annexes. He then reminded people of the deadlines for each of the annexes and that it is important to the process to return the annexes ASAP. He said that the preview of phase 2 will go out in the next few weeks.

## Public Involvement Strategy

- Rob and Bart discussed the sample survey that Tetra Tech had created that would be used to engage the public about their perceived hazard risk.

## Action Items and Next Steps

- All phase 1 annexes completed and submitted by next meeting
- Survey will be sent out
- Committee members should look ahead to phase 2 timeline

Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 2:28 PM

