



## San Mateo County MJLHMP Steering Committee #3

<b>Date/Time of Meeting:</b>	Monday, April 26, 2021, 2:04 PM (Start Time)
<b>Location:</b>	Digital
<b>Subject:</b>	Steering Committee Meeting No. 3
<b>Project Name:</b>	San Mateo County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Steering Committee:</b> Dan Belville, Andrew Bielak, Lt. Ron Mussman (alt. for John Gamez), Robert Hall, Terence Kyaw, Ben'Zara Minkin, Ever Rodriguez, Violet Saena, Belen Seara, Amelia Timbers, Sandra Winter <b>Core Planning Team:</b> Ann Ludwig, Dan Belville, Hilary Papendick, Rob Flaner, Bart Spencer, Des Alexander <b>Guests:</b> Rene Ramirez, Kacey Treadway, Vince Garcia, Patrick Halleran, Nicole MacDonald, Lynne Bramlett, Vicki Sherman, Joanna Falla, Martin Quan, Jeff Norris, Tom Cuschieri, Isabel Pares, Chris Clements, Bill Euchner, Chuck Pomicpic, Elizabeth Lam, Adriana Headley, Cecilia Taylor
<b>Not Present:</b>	David Cosgrave, John Gamez (alternate in attendance), Rita Mancera
<b>Summary Prepared by:</b>	Des Alexander
<b>Quorum – Yes or No</b>	Yes

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### Welcome and Announcements

- Dan Belville welcomed all guests to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee for the San Mateo County MJLHMP. When conducting the roll call, Dan asked all Steering Committee members to state the hazard they were most concerned with.
- Eleven Steering Committee members were present, and quorum was achieved.
- No comments were made on the agenda.
- As a ground rule, comments were addressed from callers in this order: Steering Committee member, Planning Partner, then the Public. For those with verbal comments, they used the hand raise function and Hilary Papendick went through them in the formerly mentioned order. Callers were also advised to use the group chat function to ask public questions.
- No comments were made on the minutes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Amelia Timbers and seconded by Belen Seara. The minutes were approved without dissent.

### Steering Committee Business

- Social Equity in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Workshop
  - Discussion
    - The goal of the workshop was to get feedback from Steering Committee members and planning partners on addressing equity in the MJLHMP. Seven Steering Committee members and 10 Planning Partners, representing 6 cities and 2 special districts attended and submitted comments. Upon follow-up, 5 cities expressed interest in using the equity lens in their annexes.





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- Hilary Papendick discussed the County Equity Resource Paper, available on the County MJLHMP website. The paper discusses equity and hazard mitigation; social vulnerability indicators; data sources; the county’s framework for addressing equity; examples of equity lens checklists; and outreach and engagement strategies.
- Hilary then discussed equity definitions and equity actions of the county to-date. She reminded the committee that it is not a requirement to use the equity lens for their LHMP annexes and that FEMA does not yet have a standardized approach for addressing equity. When developing their annexes, planning partners have the option of utilizing the standard approach or the standard approach with an equity lens.
- The first working group meeting will be on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The County will solicit interest from planning partners in the equity lens until May 21<sup>st</sup>. The County will then report back to the Steering Committee at the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Questions/Comments
  - Lynne Bramlett asked what kind of community input process from the planning partners would be recommended to address equity. Hilary said there are two workshops that meet FEMA requirements, and the County has been working in vulnerable neighborhoods to address equity. She said that County OOS staff are willing to work with any city on developing an effective strategy.
  - Belen Seara asked at what point is it recommended to bring the community into the process, related to mitigation prioritization. Hilary said that given the condensed timeline of the plan, May is targeted for developing outreach strategies which will be shared with the partners in June.
  - Ever Rodriguez asked if there is a way to coordinate these efforts with San Mateo County Recovery Plan and commented that an equity-focused approach should be kept present given COVID’s outsized impacts on certain communities.
  - Violet Saena asked for clarification on planning partners, namely who this referred to. Hilary Papendick explained that planning partners were cities and special districts that signed on to develop an annex for the plan.
- Comments
  - “As an example, will County after action reports be reviewed for these social vulnerability items if they have been identified?”
    - Rob Flaner said that after-action reports are recovery plans and don’t have a place in mitigation plans. He suggested that when the County reevaluates their recovery plans, that they also investigate ways they can apply the equity lens to their present and future recovery efforts.
- Discussion: Review and Approve Objectives
  - Discussion
    - Rob Flaner briefly discussed the definitions of guiding principles, goals, objectives, and action items.
    - Rob presented the revised, proposed objectives and asked for committee comment. He stated he immediately saw overlap between objectives 6 and 13 that needed to be addressed.
  - Comments
    - Belen Seara agreed that #13 is clearer than #6. Ever Rodriguez suggested bringing “capacity to adapt” wording into #13 for clarity.





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- Ever Rodriguez also commented that #9 did not read well. Rob agreed that a word is missing in the objective.
- Andrew Bielak asked about clarification on “redevelopment policy” addition #13 because “redevelopment” in a planning context relates to land use. Rob Flaner said that since repetitive loss deals with existing structures the only way it would be addressed would be through redevelopment.
- Andrew Bielak was concerned that getting rid of #6 would eliminate focus on new development. He recommended keeping the objective and Belen Seara concurred, also advocating for
  - Actions
    - #6 – reference to repetitive loss removed
    - #9 – the word “strengthen” added before structures
    - #13 – language will be added about redevelopment policy
    - Motion to accept the objectives as amended was made by Amelia Timbers and seconded by Robert Hall. The motion was approved without dissent.

### Planning Process

- Information on Phase 1 and 2 Annex Activities
  - Bart Spencer said that 34 planning partners had completed their Phase 1 annexes, and that he is working with all partners to make sure the Phase 2 annexes are complete by the deadline.
- Information on Phase 3 Annex Activities
  - Bart discussed the forthcoming Phase 3 workshops in June. The goal of the workshops is for each jurisdiction to develop action items that address high hazards in a way that is grant eligible.
- Core Capabilities Exercise
- Bart stated that a survey will be sent out by Tetra Tech tomorrow (April 27<sup>th</sup>) and is requested back by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Public Outreach

- Discussion: Survey #1 Update as of April 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Ann provided an update on the 1<sup>st</sup> survey. The survey is available in 6 language and the County has received the survey back in 4 of those languages.
  - 887 individuals have participated
- Discussion: Update on County & Planning Partner Enhanced Outreach Efforts
  - Hilary discussed past and upcoming County-sponsored outreach events. In addition to the Social Equity Workshop on the 6<sup>th</sup>, there is an optional presentation on wetlands resilience on May 18<sup>th</sup> by the San Francisco Estuary Institute
  - The business survey will be released on May 10<sup>th</sup> and left open until June 11<sup>th</sup>. It will also be available in 6 languages.
  - The County will also participate in CBO events to provide MJLHMP information to different stakeholder groups. Hilary provided examples of outreach actions and displayed the mapped results of their targeted outreach. Ann stated the county is asking for input from groups in zip codes that have had low participation in the survey.

### Public Comment and Adjournment





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- No comments were made by the public.

### Adjourn

- Dan Belville reminded callers of the May 24<sup>th</sup> steering committee. He said that status reports would be shared on the social equity discussion, updates on the surveys, the core capabilities assessment, and the status of annexes.
- The meeting ended at 3:32 PM.

