

Appendix J

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Outreach Notices

After Approval of Plan, What Kind of Projects Can the City Apply For?

- Property Protection
- Emergency Measures
- Structural Projects
- Conservation
- Public Awareness



Plan Area

The Merced Hazard Mitigation Plan includes territory located within the City's planned growth area. Mitigation measures of the Merced Hazard Mitigation Plan will apply to City-owned facilities and properties. As the City grows, the application of this Plan will expand to the larger geographic area located within the City Limits.



For More Information,
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**Local
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Grantor / Timeline

- ◆ In April 2010, the City of Merced was awarded \$150,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to prepare a *Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)*.
- ◆ A Draft Plan for review and comment by the Federal Emergency Management Agency is expected to be complete in Fall 2012.

Facts about the Plan

- ◆ Hazard Mitigation Planning is the process through which natural hazards that threaten communities are identified, likely impacts of those hazards are determined, mitigation goals are set, and appropriate strategies to lessen impacts are determined, prioritized, and implemented.
- ◆ A City of Merced “*Disaster Council*” was formed to help craft the plan, and will assist City Staff in developing plan goals and objectives, and identifying and prioritizing mitigation initiatives.



Public Outreach

- ◆ All Merced citizens will be invited to participate in public outreach events.
- ◆ The Project is posted for public review and comment on the Planning Department’s web-page at:

www.cityofmerced.org

- ◆ We value your input and wish to hear from you!





Your City Your Community

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

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City Planning seeks your comments!

Details of the plan can be seen on the Planning Department's webpage at www.cityofmerced.org.

Please help the City by doing one or two things such as:

- Take a brief online survey to share what kinds of hazards worry you the most, and give your opinion on how we should prepare for those emergencies. Please go to this link to begin the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LC76XGK>
- Review and comment on the Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan or the Sample Mitigation Actions which are currently under construction at www.cityofmerced.org.
- Request a Meeting/Presentation by contacting either Bill King at (209) 385-4768 or Julie Sterling at (209) 385-6929.

When the draft is finished later this year, it will be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to ensure consistency. Once the Plan is approved, the City will be able to apply for improvement projects to reduce impacts that natural disasters can create.



Tú Ciudad Tú Comunidad

Plan Para Mitigar Riesgos Locales

La Ciudad esta preparando un Plan Para Mitigar Riesgos Locales donde riesgos naturales potenciales que amenazen comunidades son identificados como; inundaciones, terremotos, incendios y niebla. El plan tambien explica como estos riesgos naturales pueden afectar la comunidad y resolver la mejor manera para salvar vidas y reducir daños en propiedades en el evento que uno de estos desastres naturales ocurra en Merced. Planeando para el futuro podemos salvar vidas y prevenir lesiones.

Departamento de Planificacion busca tus comentarios!

Detalles del plan pueden ser vistos en la pagina de internet del Departamento de Planificacion; www.cityofmerced.org

Por favor ayuda la Ciudad haciendo una o dos de los siguientes:

- Toma una breve encuesta para compartir que clase de riesgos te preocupan y da tu opinion en Como prepararse para esas emergencias. Por favor ve a esta pagina para empezar la encuesta: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LC76XGK>
- Revisa y comenta en el Plan Preliminar Para Mitigar Riesgos o el Ejemplo de Acciones de Mitigacion los cuales estan actualmente siendo construidos en; www.cityofmerced.org.
- Solicita una reunion/presentacion contactando a Bill King al (209) 385-4768 o Julie Sterling al (209) 385-6929.

Quando el Plan Preliminar este terminado durante este año; sera presentado ante la Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) para asegurar su consistencia. Una vez que el plan se apruebe, la Ciudad podra ser elegible para solicitar proyectos para mejoras y reducir el impacto que desastres naturales puedan crear.





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 - Yuav ua yam twg thiab tiav mus?
 - Lub neej tom ntej yuav ua dabtsi?

Hu rau Bill King
 AICP Principal Planner
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Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Each year, in the United States, natural disasters take the lives of hundreds of people and injure thousands more. Nationwide, taxpayers pay billions of dollars annually to help communities, organizations, businesses, and individuals recover from disasters. Many natural disasters are predictable, and much of the damage caused by these events can be alleviated or even eliminated.

In April 2010, the City of Merced received funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to prepare a *Local Hazard Mitigation Plan*.

Hazard Mitigation Planning is the process through which natural hazards that threaten communities are identified, likely impacts of those hazards are determined, mitigation goals are set, and appropriate strategies to lessen impacts are determined, prioritized, and implemented. On average, each dollar spent on mitigation saves society an average of \$4 in avoided future losses in addition to saving lives and preventing injuries (National Institute of Building Science Multi-Hazard Mitigation Council 2005).

Public Survey Opportunity: You can help with this project by completing a short survey. What hazards are of concern to you? How should we prepare for those hazards? Sharing your voice and ideas would be very much appreciated. Please go to this link to begin the survey.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YKHZZ6P>

Alternatively, go to the City’s main webpage at www.cityofmerced.org to find this link.

If you’d like to comment, have a question, or would like to know how you can be involved in this Project, then please call Principal Planner Bill King at 209-385-6858.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
ABOUT THE CITY OF MERCED LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING EFFORTS

A public meeting will be held by the Merced City Planning Commission on Wednesday, July 18, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard in the City Council Chambers located in the Civic Center at 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, California, concerning the City of Merced Local Hazard Mitigation Planning effort and opportunity for public input during the development of this plan. Once completed, the City of Merced Local Hazard Mitigation Plan will describe the hazards that threaten Merced, such as flooding, earthquakes, and fog, and then figure out the best way to save lives and reduce property damage in the event that one of these types of natural disasters occurs.

Some draft sections of the Merced Hazard Mitigation Plan are posted on the City's website at http://www.cityofmerced.org/depts/cd/planning/draft_local_hazard_mitigation_plan/default.asp

All persons interested in the development of the Merced Hazard Mitigation Plan and its eventual adoption are invited to attend this public meeting or forward written comments to the Director of Development Services, City of Merced, 678 West 18th Street, Merced, California 95340. Another opportunity to review and comment on the completed draft plan, at a later date, will be offered to the public.

Please feel free to call the Planning Department at (209) 385-6858 for additional information.

June 25, 2012

 KIM ESPINOSA
 Planning Manager

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A public meeting about Merced's Local Hazard Mitigation Planning effort will be one of the items at the Planning Commission Meeting on July 18, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 678 W. 18th Street. At the meeting, the Commission's role in land use planning to minimize the City's vulnerability to hazards, and receipt of public comments on the developing plan will be emphasized. Details of the planning effort can be viewed on the Planning Department's webpage at:

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Market on Main comes back to Downtown Merced this Spring and runs through October with lots of farm-fresh produce and plenty of fun. Along with all the fresh fruits and veggies, there will be hand-made crafts, jams, honey and entertainment. The market will have a variety of theme nights and offer fun for all ages. Look for more details on the City website and on "The Streets of Merced" Facebook page.

Yosemite Avenue Project moves ahead with work

The next phase of the Yosemite Avenue Improvement Project begins Monday, March 19. During this phase the north side of Yosemite Avenue will be widened to accommodate a fourth lane of traffic and a sidewalk and a new traffic signal system will be installed at G Street and Mansionette Drive.

The end of Mansionette Drive at Yosemite Avenue will be blocked during the construction from March 19 through May 11. Traffic is being diverted around the neighborhood. Motorists are asked to use Paulson Road, Mercy Avenue or G Street to access the neighborhood.

Yosemite Avenue will remain open during the construction, however traffic lanes will be shifted as needed so that work can proceed.

The entire Yosemite Avenue Improvement Project is expected to be

finished in August. Once completed, the project will eliminate the bottleneck at the G Street intersection and allow better flow of traffic along Yosemite Avenue. There will be four full lanes along that stretch of Yosemite, plus a left turn lane at G Street, improved driveway access and improvements to the sewer and water lines that run under the street.

The project timeline was stretched out after lengthy talks with businesses in the area. They requested that construction be halted during certain periods when their business would be heavy to allow their customers better access to their stores.

People with questions or problems about the project can call 209-724-8235, calls will be returned by Public Works Director/Operations Stan Murdock or his representative.

Long-range plans eye development and reducing hazards

Long-term urban growth will occur in the area between the City and UC Merced and there is a need to plan for that growth.

The Bellevue Corridor Community Plan covers a 3.5 square-mile area that will guide future growth along Bellevue Road between G Street and Lake Road.

It will establish a land-use map, a mobility plan, and tackle questions such as the location and demand for student housing, research and development parks, and the design of Bellevue Road.

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The goal is to save lives and reduce property damages. On average, each dollar spent dealing with the hazards ahead of time saves society an average of \$4 in avoided future losses in addition to saving lives and

preventing injuries.

Both plans are primarily funded through state and federal grants that cannot be used for general fund purposes such as road repair or paying for public safety personnel.

City Planning Staff encourages public participation. Project details for both these projects can be viewed at the Planning Department's webpage at www.cityofmerced.org.

There are online surveys (or forms in Planning) to share your concerns and how the City should deal with those hazards.



Holiday Pet Safety

By: Kim Herzog

July 5th is Animal Control's Busiest Day. The fireworks absolutely terrify ALL animals. Some cope with it differently. Most animals want to be near their human. If you are going to leave your pet, PLEASE make sure they are secure either in a crate or inside of your house. Most of all... **MAKE SURE YOUR PET HAS IDENTIFICATION ON !!!!** We cannot return them to you, if we don't know who they belong to.

1. Have your animal in a room with few or no windows. The sudden flashes from fireworks getting set off can startle and upset quite a few pets.
2. Put on soft music or a TV so that the sudden bangs from fireworks don't upset your pets. Anything that is usually making noise at home and can help cover up the booms and bangs will help your pets see this as just any old night.
3. Make sure your pets get plenty of exercise the day you know fireworks are going to be around. The idea here is to get your pets worn out and ready to call it a night before most of the partying starts.
4. **Scaredy Dog.** Your dog can become easily frightened by 4th of July fireworks and loud celebrations. Make sure your pet is wearing a properly fitted collar with proper identification & tags just in case your pet becomes scared and runs away from home. Better yet, you might want to have your pet micro-chipped as a precaution to make it easier for your pet to be returned home safely & promptly. Around the 4th of July their appears to be an upsurge in lost pets and strays so keep a watchful eye on your pet whereabouts at all time.
5. You may want to consider a mild sedative for your dog. Contact your Veterinarian for this medication.

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SAFETY

City to identify, prioritize local hazards

Mitigation plan will be submitted to FEMA in order to fund improvement projects.

By AMEERA BUTT
 abutt@mercedsunstar.com

City of Merced residents can show up Friday at the Civic Center to voice concerns on any natural or man-made hazards they think they might face.

The city is drafting a hazard mitigation plan, along with help from its disaster council. The plan focuses on identifying likely hazards that would affect the city — extreme temperatures, hazardous materials, fire, fog — and ranks the hazards.

Then the plan identifies and prioritizes the recommended mitigation measures to

reduce those impacts, said Bill King, principal planner for the city.

Once the draft is finished late this year, it will be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which will make sure the content of the plan is consistent, King said. "Once you have a plan, you can apply for projects," he said.

For example, the city experiences flood-

More online

The public can take a survey on what hazards concern them and other questions at <http://is.gd/14amu>.

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ing from time to time. To reduce the impacts to residents and property, the plan would help make way for improvement projects, according to King. One possible project could be constructing detention basins, or structures that temporarily hold water back from flowing downstream. That would help slow flooding in Black Rascal Creek or other creeks.

Flooding is the city's largest hazard, he said.

In 2009, the city received \$500,000, by way of Rep. Dennis Cardoza, D-Merced,

for hazard mitigation from FEMA. The city has used \$150,000 to put the plan together, while the rest will be earmarked for potential hazard mitigation projects the city may pursue in the future.

The disaster council, appointed by the city manager, serves as a transition between the city and incorporating the community when it comes to the hazard mitigation plan, according to Fire Chief Mike McLaughlin. McLaughlin is deputy director of emergency services on the council, and City Manager John Bramble is the director. The 14-member group includes city employees and officials from

the Merced Irrigation District, Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and others.

King said portions of the plan will be posted on the city of Merced's website for public comment. However, the city plans to hold more formal public outreach workshops sometime this year.

"Public involvement is a key component of it," McLaughlin said.

The city disaster council meets 3 p.m. Friday in the Sam Pipes Room at the Civic Center.

Reporter Ameera Butt can be reached at (209) 385-2477 or abutt@mercedsunstar.com.

MERCED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
 Next Council meetings:
 April 2nd and April 16th at 7 p.m.
 678 W. 18th St. Merced, CA
 For more information call :
 (209) 388-7100



To voice your concern to the council, fill out a "Request to Speak" card before the meeting.

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If you or someone you know are interested in being added to our mailing list to be updated on South Merced events.


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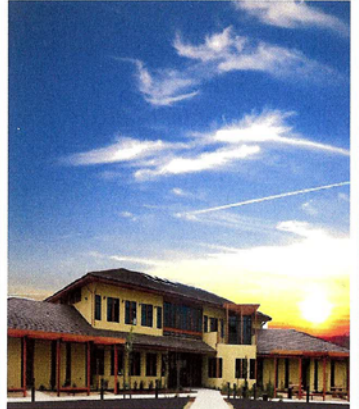
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