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Tucson Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Mitigation Plan Update Posting 3/9/11

Hazard mitigation planning is the process used to identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with disasters and to develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property in future hazard events. The process results in a mitigation plan that offers a strategy for breaking the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction and repeated damage and a framework for developing appropriate mitigation projects. Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K), State, County, Local and Tribal governments are required to have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan as a condition for receiving mitigation grant funds.

In order to meet the requirements to ensure continued assistance eligibility, a planning team comprised of representatives from the City of Tucson, Pima County, Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita, Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the City of South Tucson will be meeting regularly to update the current hazard mitigation plans for the participating jurisdictions. The planning team anticipates having a draft in May, 2011, at which time public access to the plan will be provided, with the opportunity to comment.

The primary areas of work/focus in the plan development are:

- Identify hazards that may impact or have impacted the community
- Develop a profile of the most relevant hazards
- Assess vulnerability to hazards
- Establish goals and objectives for hazard risk reduction/remediation
- Develop actions/projects to achieve goals and objectives

For additional information and questions please contact Jan McLay at the COTOEM&HS.

The Tucson Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security works very closely with its Pima County counterpart, as well as personnel from the City of South Tucson, Town of Marana, Town of Sahuarita, Town of Oro Valley, Tohono O'odham Nation, and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. For more information about TOEMHS, go online to www.tucsonaz.gov/em.

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