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Lompoc Fire Department To Host Town Hall On City's Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Forum on Aug. 3 will provide information on mitigation plan, allow residents opportunity to give input and ask questions

LOMPOC, CA, July 25, 2016 – The City of Lompoc Fire Department is hosting a community town hall on **Wed. Aug. 3** to inform residents about an update to the City of Lompoc's annex to the Santa Barbara County Hazard Mitigation Plan, to seek input, and to answer any questions the public has.

This City of Lompoc Hazard Mitigation Plan Town Hall is scheduled from **6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** in **Lompoc City Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Plaza.**

Citizen input is crucial to creating a more resilient community, so all residents are encouraged to participate in this town hall.

The event will consist of an overview of the City of Lompoc's annex to the County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as well as a presentation on the update process, as required every five years. In addition, the town hall will include information on hazards the City is vulnerable to, and a question and answer session.

The Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is a countywide plan that identifies risks and suggests ways to minimize vulnerabilities and damage from natural and man-made disasters. The plan includes annexes from each city. The plan is a comprehensive resource that serves to enhance public awareness, acts as a decision tool for policy makers, enhances local policies for risk-reduction capabilities, provides coordination between the cities and the county, and promotes compliance with state and federal program requirements.

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 required all local governments to create a disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to qualify for federal mitigation funding in the future.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan must be updated and revised every five years.

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The Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is coordinating the plan update through collaboration with the City's Local Planning Team and the County Planning Team.

These groups participated in a review of the risks and vulnerabilities of each hazard that could impact the region, and updated strategies to improve the Santa Barbara County Operational Area's knowledge and understanding of how to mitigate against the consequences of potential disasters in at-risk communities.

Public comments will be reviewed by the Santa Barbara County OEM and the Local Planning Team, and incorporated into the final plan as appropriate.

To review the plan update draft and to participate in the public review process, go to:
<http://www.cityoflom poc.com/AwareAndPrepare/HazPlan.htm>.

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