

Santa Cruz County, the City of Nogales and Town of Patagonia, and local fire districts have joined forces to review and update the existing Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The goal of mitigation planning is to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from all natural hazard events. Mitigation is not how we respond to emergencies like floods and wildfires, but rather how we as a community prevent the impact of such things in the first place.

The mitigation planning process involves identifying and profiling the natural hazards most likely to occur in a community, assessing the vulnerability to these hazards, and establishing goals, actions, and projects that mitigate the associated risks. The update of this mitigation plan will also ensure continued eligibility for non-emergency, federal and state hazard mitigation grants.

Public input on the mitigation planning process is important and residents are encouraged to educate themselves about the existing hazard mitigation plan and offer comments on the update. For more information, please visit the Santa Cruz County website at:

<http://santacruzcountyaz.gov/229/Office-of-Emergency-Management>

<http://www.co.santa-cruz.az.us/forms.aspx?FID=68>

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