State Hazard Mitigation Plan

Identifying Priorities

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Concepts

• Background
• Overview of the Plan
• Effect local government
• Priorities and their Purpose

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Background: Pre DMA 2000

- Project Impact
  - Partnering
  - Planning
  - Public Participation
  - Community ownership
Background: Post DMA 2000

- Bush Administration
- Elimination of Project Impact
- 9-11
- Focus on Homeland Security
- Regulations in 2002
- Plan Required 11/04
Chapter 9 – State Mitigation Strategy

- 9.1 Hazard Mitigation Goals
- 9.2 State Priorities
- 9.3 State Capability Assessment
- 9.4 Local Capability Assessment
State Hazard Mitigation Plan

Chapter 10 - Funding Sources
Chapter 11 - Mitigation Education and Awareness
Chapter 12 – Local Mitigation Planning Coordination
Chapter 13 – Plan Maintenance
Chapter 14 – State Owned and Operated Facilities
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Proposed Goals

• Protect Lives
• Protect Property
• Protect the Environment
• Integrate Mitigation Policy

Structural Retrofit Project
Protect Lives

- Improve the understanding of natural hazards, the vulnerabilities, and the measures needed to protect life safety.
- Provide state and local agencies with updated information about hazards, vulnerabilities and mitigation measures.
- Ensure that all codes and standards enforced protect life safety.
Protect Lives, continued

- Ensure that all structures in the state meet minimum standards for life safety.
- Ensure that all development in high risk areas are protected by mitigation measures protecting life safety.
- Identify and mitigate all imminent threats to life safety.
Protect Property

• Discourage development in high hazard areas.
• Encourage property protection measures for all communities and structures located in hazard areas.
• Reduce or eliminate all repetitive property losses due to flood, fire and earthquake.
Protect Property, continued

- Research, develop and adopt cost effective codes and standards to protect properties beyond the minimum of protecting life safety.
- Establish a partnership among all levels of government and the business community to improve and implement methods to protect property.
Protect the Environment

• Ensure all mitigation projects have comply with all applicable environmental laws.
• Encourage hazard mitigation measures that minimize adverse effect on the natural environment or that use natural processes.
• Ensure that all state and local hazard mitigation planning reflect the goal of protecting the environment.
Protect the Environment, continued

• Develop and implement mitigation strategies that reduce losses to wildlife and habitat, protect water quality as well as reduce damage to development.

• Distribute maps of high-risk areas integrated with wildlife habitat areas.
Integrated HM Policy

• Ensure that all communities have a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
• Integrate hazard mitigation policies into local General Plans.
• Update the State Hazard Mitigation Plan annually to integrate local plans and the results of disaster and hazard specific planning efforts.
Integrated HM Policy, continued

• Increase the understanding of the importance of Hazard Mitigation by stressing the benefits of reduced losses to life and property, the reduced cost of disaster recovery and the increased benefit of the continuity of operations of business and government.

• Strengthen the message of hazard mitigation in disaster preparedness programs.
Priorities

- Context of California
- Multiple system
- Decentralized ownership and control
- Focus on the use of federal funds through DHS (FEMA)
Priorities

• Protect lives and property at risk from imminent hazards
• Protect vulnerable critical facilities and infrastructure in high hazard areas of the state
• Reduce repetitive losses
• Ensure all communities have an adopted hazard mitigation plan
• Improve understanding of natural hazards and the performance of hazard mitigation practices
Schedule

• July 1: Draft Available
• 45 day review period
• Sept. 15: Adopt and Submit to FEMA
• 3 year update required
• Annual Update will be recommended
QUESTIONS?