

EXPECTATIONS FOR PLANNING PARTNERS LINKING TO THE HUMBOLDT OPERATIONAL AREA HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

ACHIEVING DMA COMPLIANCE FOR ALL PLANNING PARTNERS

One of the goals of the multi-jurisdictional approach to hazard mitigation planning is to achieve compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act (i.e. DMA compliance) for all participating members in the planning effort. DMA compliance must be certified for each member in order to maintain eligibility for the benefits under the DMA after November 1, 2004. The following items must be addressed to achieve DMA compliance for each Coalition member:

- ✓ Participate in the process. It must be documented in the plan that each planning partner “participated” in the process that generated the plan. There is flexibility in defining “participation”. Participation can vary based on the type of planning partner (i.e.: City or County, vs. a Special Purpose District). (for linking partners this will be easy to demonstrate because they will be the primary author of their plan and administrator of their public outreach program)
- ✓ Review of existing documents pertinent to the jurisdiction to identify policies or recommendations that are not consistent with those documents reviewed in producing the “parent” plan or have policies and recommendations that compliment the hazard mitigation initiatives selected (i.e.: comp plans, basin plans or hazard specific plans).
- ✓ Personalize the Risk Assessment for each jurisdiction. Remove hazards not associated with the defined area or redefine vulnerability based on a hazard’s impact to a jurisdiction. This phase will include:
 - A ranking of the risk
 - A description of the number and type of structures at risk
 - An estimate of the potential dollar losses to vulnerable structures
 - A general description of land uses and development trends within the community so that mitigation options can be considered in future land use decisions.
- ✓ Personalize mitigation recommendations. Identify and prioritize mitigation recommendations specific to the each jurisdiction’s defined area.
- ✓ Create an Action Plan.
- ✓ Each jurisdiction must present the Plan to the public for comment at least once, within 2 weeks prior to adoption.
- ✓ Plan must be adopted

Templates and instructions to aid in the compilation of this information will be provided to all committed planning partners. Each Partner will be expected to complete their templates in a timely manner and according to the timeline specified by the Steering Committee.