



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The purpose of hazard mitigation is to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards. Calaveras County and Angels Camp developed this local hazard mitigation plan to make the County and its residents less vulnerable to future hazard events. This plan was prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 so that Calaveras County would be eligible for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Hazard Mitigation Grant programs as well as lower flood insurance premiums (in jurisdictions that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System).

The County followed a planning process prescribed by FEMA, which began with the formation of a hazard mitigation planning committee (HMPC) comprised of key county, city, and district representatives and other stakeholders. The HMPC conducted a risk assessment that identified and profiled hazards that pose a risk to Calaveras County, assessed the County's vulnerability to these hazards, and examined the capabilities in place to mitigate them. The County is vulnerable to several hazards that are identified, profiled, and analyzed in this plan. Floods, wildfires, severe weather, drought, and agricultural hazards are among the hazards that can have a significant impact on the County.

Based on the risk assessment, the HMPC identified goals and objectives for reducing the County's vulnerability to hazards. The six goals of this multi-hazard mitigation plan are:

- Provide Protection for People's Lives from Hazards
- Improve Communities' Capabilities to Mitigate Hazards and Reduce Exposure to Hazard-Related Losses
- Improve Community and Agency Awareness about Hazards and Associated Vulnerabilities that Threaten Calaveras County Planning Area Communities
- Provide Protection for Critical Facilities, Utilities, and Services from Hazard Impacts
- Maintain Coordination of Disaster Planning
- Maintain/Provide for FEMA Eligibility and Work to Position Jurisdictions for Grant Funding

To meet identified goals and objectives, the plan recommends 6 mitigation actions, which are summarized in the table that follows. This plan will be formally adopted by the County and the participating jurisdictions and will be updated every five years at a minimum.

## Mitigation Actions

Action	Jurisdiction	Priority	Links to Goals	Hazards Addressed
Integrate Local Hazard Mitigation Plan into Safety Element of General Plan	Calaveras County OES	High	This Action Falls under <b>Goal 1:</b> Reduce risk to the people, property, economy, and environment in Calaveras County from the impacts of natural hazards	All
Develop and Conduct a Multi-Hazard Seasonal Public Awareness Program	Calaveras County OES	High	This Action Falls under <b>Goal 1:</b> Reduce risk to the people, property, economy, and environment in Calaveras County from the impacts of natural hazards	All
Identify critical facilities/infrastructure needing backup power sources	Public Works Department	Low	This Action Falls under <b>Goal 1:</b> Reduce risk to the people, property, economy, and environment in Calaveras County from the impacts of natural hazards	All
Improve channel maintenance and upkeep to prevent debris build-up at road bridges	Public Works Department	High	This Action Falls under: <b>Goal 1:</b> Reduce risk to the people, property, economy, and environment in Calaveras County from the impacts of natural hazards	Flood
Implement fuel reduction along County right of ways	Public Works Department	Medium	This Action Falls under : <b>Goal 1:</b> Reduce risk to the people, property, economy, and environment in Calaveras County from the impacts of natural hazards	Wildfire
Identify storm water flooding projects	Public Works Department	Low	This Action Falls under: <b>Goal 1:</b> Reduce risk to the people, property, economy, and environment in Calaveras County from the impacts of natural hazards	Flood

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