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## **PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT FOR HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

An alliance of local jurisdictions led by the Santa Cruz County Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience (OR3) is seeking public input to help mitigate impacts from future disasters.

OR3 has secured federal funding to help create a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP), which is being developed in partnership with nine participating jurisdictions to ensure continued eligibility for federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants. By filling out a survey, members of the public can help outline natural hazards in Santa Cruz County, assess their potential impact, and proposes targeted mitigation actions.

To fill out the survey, please visit <https://mitigatehazards.com/santacruzmjhmp>.

By addressing vulnerabilities within each jurisdiction, the plan supports lifesaving measures, property protection, and environmental resilience and helps reduce the long-term risk of natural disasters.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency requires local governments to reassess and update their Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) every five years to reflect changes in population, infrastructure, and disaster occurrences. This effort covers unincorporated areas of the county and the cities of Scotts Valley, Capitola, and Watsonville, with additional participating agencies including Soquel Creek Water District, Scotts Valley Water District, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County, Santa Cruz Port District, and Cabrillo College.