



# MEMORANDUM

TO: All jurisdictions participating in the Mendocino County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP)

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**RE: 2020 Mendocino County MJHMP Adoption Background Information:**

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Mendocino County, along with participating jurisdictions, developed an update to the 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan over the past 10 months to reduce losses resulting from natural disasters. Hazard mitigation is the use of long-term actions to reduce the loss of life, personal injury, and property damage that can result from a disaster. All participating jurisdictions, the MJHMP Planning Committee, and the public have reviewed or are currently reviewing the MJHMP. **Boards and councils of participating jurisdictions are now being asked to adopt the Mendocino MJHMP.**

The plan was developed by the MJHMP Planning Committee, made up of participants from all participating jurisdictions advising on hazard and mitigation action priorities both for the County as a whole and each jurisdiction individually, with expertise from consultants on the project, Dynamic Planning + Science. The plan has been reviewed by the public from October 13-26<sup>th</sup>, and comments have been addressed. The MJHMP is currently being reviewed by the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The Draft Plan is likely to change based on Cal OES and FEMA review, but those changes are not expected to be substantive and will be subject to review by each participating jurisdiction. Because of the December 2020 deadline for FEMA and Cal OES approval, adoption of the MJHMP will happen during Cal OES and FEMA review of the Plan, and adoptions incorporate any edits made in response to Cal OES and FEMA feedback.

A current and approved hazard mitigation plan is a prerequisite for jurisdictions wishing to pursue funding under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program (HMA). The Mendocino County MJHMP must be updated every five (5) years to remain in compliance with regulations and Federal mitigation grant conditions; FEMA approved a December 2020 deadline for approval of an updated Mendocino County MJHMP, and several jurisdictions have funding contingent on approval of this Update.

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The following jurisdictions are participating in this 2020 MJHMP Update:

- Mendocino County
- City of Ukiah
- City of Fort Bragg
- City of Point Arena
- City of Willits
- Mendocino County Office of Education

The Mendocino County MJHMP is available at these links, to either view in a browser or to download. Note the large document size if choosing to download. Volume 1 contains the umbrella HMP for Mendocino County and Volume 2 contains Annexes for each participation jurisdiction's HMP:

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