WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Committee held their fifth meeting at the Lincoln County Emergency Operation Center, Wednesday, September 14, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to review project lists, mitigation strategy, plan maintenance, and to discuss acequias.

SUMMARY OF FOURTH MEETING

Minutes from the third meeting was summarized, and the MPT reviewed Community Asset Capabilities and the Priority Risk Index worksheet. Mitigation goals and objectives were reviewed and updated, and each jurisdiction provided its own community project list.

Cody Thetford explained to all jurisdictions that reimbursement for in-kind will only be reimbursed for a third, and going forward Cody will not be collecting in-kind timesheets. If any jurisdiction wants to submit additional in-kind paperwork then they will have to do so through their own finance department. Also, the MPT Public Outreach Strategy was again discussed to obtain an update on everyone’s community.
council meetings, ensuring public awareness/involvement is continuing through the HMP Update process.

- **REVIEW PROJECT LIST**
  During the 4th meeting, each jurisdiction broke into groups to discuss the hazard mitigation projects that are specific to their own community. Although, updates to this list were emailed to facilitator from jurisdictions who had input from either governmental organizations, stakeholders, or public. All updates were discussed to the MPT.

- **ACEQUIAS**
  It was agreed upon by the MPT that the HMP update will feature a new section addressing acequias in Lincoln County. James Taylor, an acequia representative, addressed the MPT on how the acequia information/maps can be acquired. A key source of such information can be obtained through the NM Acequia Association, Paula Garcia and Jackie Powell. Separate meetings will be setup to gather the applicable information.

- **MITIGATION STRATEGIES**
  Current HMP mitigation measures were discussed and analyzed: general mitigation activities, public awareness, wildfire mitigation steps, improving floodplain management, response process improvement, protection against man-made hazards, and early warning.

  Evaluation methodology using the STAPLEE criteria was reviewed. This systematic approach will be used to evaluate all potential actions that were discussed by the MPT. STAPLEE stands for Social, Technical, Administrative, Political, Legal, Economic, and Environmental. Each of these criteria consist of several factors that should be considered when evaluating the appropriateness of each potential action. Each potential mitigation action was assessed by ranking each factor in each of the categories (social, technical, administrative, political, etc.) and by then adding up the total score. Rankings were as follows:

  0 = Poor: The mitigation method does not meet basic criteria established under the evaluation category.
  1 = Fair: The mitigation method meets the basic criteria established under the evaluation category.
  2 = Good: The mitigation method exceeds the basic criteria established under the evaluation category.
  3 = Excellent: The mitigation method exceeds the basic established criteria in an innovative or new way.

  Implementing mitigation measures and financing mitigation actions were also discussed with the MPT, including implementation timeline and funding sources. The inclusion of any specific action item that will be documented in the updated plan does not commit the communities to implementation. Each item will be considered in terms of the available staff and funding resources.
• **PLAN MAINTENANCE**
  The MPT reviewed the plan monitoring process. It was agreed that the Emergency Services Director will still be responsible for contacting MPG members and organizing meetings and will monitor progress on the mitigation action items. Monitoring was highlighted to emphasize that it is important for future eligibility for any mitigation funding that may be available.

The MPT know that the entire hazard mitigation plan will be reviewed, revised, and updated every five years from the date of FEMA’s approval. HMP requirements shall be incorporated into other county plans, as appropriate, during the normal review and update of those plans. If a disaster occurs or as action items are met, the plan will be reviewed, revised, and updated sooner than the required five years. Most importantly, the MPT is dedicated on continuing public involvement, providing a forum where the public can express concerns, opinions, or ideas about the plan.

• **CONCLUSION**
  - It was agreed upon that an additional MPT meeting will not be scheduled at this time. Once all the updated information is compiled and drafted into the updated plan, a possible MPT meeting will be scheduled. When needed, individual meetings that do not warrant the entire MPT will be set up by the facilitator.

  - Facilitator will be meeting with the NM Acequia Association.

  - Curt Temple, Interim Road Dept. Director, will be sending additional information/maps on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

• **ADJOURN**