

AGENDA & 4th Meeting Notes
FOR
VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY
INCLUDING
CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS, TOWN OF CARRIZOZO,
VILLAGE OF CAPITAN, AND VILLAGE OF CORONA
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

8/24/2016

@ 9:00 A.M

111 Cooper Ridge Road
Lincoln County Emergency Operation Center
Capitan, New Mexico

ATTENDEES

SZ Enterprises – Contractor/Facilitator
Brad Gage, Fire Chief – Corona
Steve Barnett, Police Chief – Town of Carrizozo
Cody Thetford, Interim Fire Chief – Ruidoso Fire Dept.
Orlando Arriola, Fire Chief – Ruidoso Fire Dept.
Steve Dunigan, Planning & Zoning – Ruidoso Downs
J.P. Kenmore, OES – Lincoln County
Curt Temple, Planning Director – Lincoln County
Darren Hooker, Chief – Ruidoso Police Dept.
Lawrence T. Chavez, Lieutenant – Ruidoso Police Dept.
David Cox, Public Works – Village of Capitan
Kenny Ellard, A. Chief – Ruidoso Downs Fire Dept.

- **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Committee held their fourth meeting at the Lincoln County Emergency Operation Center, Wednesday, August 24, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to receive spreadsheets on community assets and hazards prioritized by the priority risk index, evaluate mitigation goals and objectives, and discuss new mitigation projects.

New attendees were welcomed and introductions were made.

- **SUMMARY OF THIRD MEETING**

Minutes were summarized, and the MPT reviewed Community Capabilities, Hazard Event Profiles, Risk Assessment, and Maps. Homework assignments regarding the Community Asset Spreadsheet and the Priority Rate Index spreadsheet were discussed for each jurisdiction.

It was reiterated to the new attendees to be sure to send “match” information to Cody Thetford. Also, the MPT Public Outreach Strategy was again covered to ensure each community will be taking the HMP update information to their governing body. This includes the HMP update along with the Ruidoso weblink to be put on the agenda for each jurisdiction’s city/town meetings, ensuring public participation and awareness.

After the third meeting, an additional meeting was held on August 19, 2016 at the Lincoln County EOC to view the county’s Simtable. The details on this meeting was discussed to the MPT. The Lincoln County Simtable provides simulations of hazards pertinent to the region. The digital sandtable has customized agent-based models to the wildland fire, emergency management, as well as defense and urban security. All-hazard scenarios were performed during that meeting to achieve the visual impact to the surrounding communities.

- **COMMUNITY ASSET WORKSHEET REVIEW**

Several jurisdictions who are still working on the spreadsheet had questions on how to segregate the applicable information, like residential structures and critical facilities. It was informed to the MPT that the information could be broken down under subdivisions or under the community as a whole.

Lincoln County addressed acequias to be incorporated into the plan. A separate meeting with Jackie Powell will be set up to gather all the applicable acequia information, including maps.

- **PRIORITY RISK INDEX (PRI) WORKSHEET REVIEW**

Every jurisdiction listed the identified hazards in order of significance for their community using the PRI spreadsheet.

The current event profiles were discussed as having the most significant potential impact, listed below in the order the MPT deemed most significant:

1. Wildfire
2. High Wind
3. Flood
4. Drought
5. Thunderstorms
6. Severe Winter Storms
8. Dam Failure
9. Earthquake
10. Tornadoes
11. Hazardous Materials
12. Extreme Heat

The following hazards have been identified in addition to the Natural hazards that the MPT would like to include in their new plan.

1. Terrorism
2. Communicable Disease Outbreak
3. Active Shooter

- **DETERMINE MITIGATION STRATEGIES**

The MPT reviewed, evaluated, and agreed the current goals will stay in the updated plan.

- Reduce or eliminate hazardous conditions that cause loss of life or inflict injury;
- Reduce or eliminate hazardous conditions that cause property damage;
- Reduce or eliminate hazardous conditions that degrade important natural resources; and
- Reduce or eliminate hazardous conditions that impact the community's recovery time in emergency response.

It is understood that the focus of these goals are to reduce especially repetitive costs associated with disasters to property owners and all levels of government including the protection or retrofit of critical facilities, reducing exposure to liability and minimizing community disruption.

Current Mitigation Strategy Objectives were also address and evaluated. The MPT decided from prior discussions emphasizing unified communications amongst the communities, that Objective 5 will be reworded to include, *and communication*, to the current sentence.

1. *Increasing awareness of hazards and their effects;*
2. *Decreasing the possibility of impact from the most significant threats;*
3. *Decreasing the vulnerability of critical and non-critical facilities;*
4. *Increasing established response mechanisms by enhancing partnerships; and*
5. *Increasing coordination and communication between levels of government regarding incidents and response mechanisms.*

Project List (see attachment: Lincoln County HMP Projects List)

It was explained that projects list is a wish list but also a list that shows suggestions of top priority projects to each jurisdiction. The MPT divided into groups by jurisdiction to address and write down additional projects that they would like to see added to the new plan, then each jurisdiction presented it to the entire group.

Some of the additional projects mentioned by the MPT:

- Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) update
- Low water crossing signage
- A jurisdictional communication center
- Additional forest thinning

- **CONCLUSION**

- Next MPT meeting will be Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 9:00 AM at the Lincoln County Emergency Operation Center, Capitan, NM. The general agenda for the 5th Meeting will be focusing on the following:
 - Mitigation Strategy
 - Review Project List
 - Plan Maintenance
- Several jurisdictions will finish computing the Priority Risk Index (PRI) and the Community Asset worksheets to email to the facilitator.

- **ADJOURN**

