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CITY OF TRACY DRAFT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

Public encouraged to review draft plan and provide comments by August 20, 2019.

Tracy, Calif. – Members of the Tracy community are encouraged to participate in the ongoing development of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) by reviewing the draft LHMP online (cityoftracy.org) and providing comments, by Tuesday, August 20, 2019. If you would like to receive updates and information related to the LHMP by email, phone or mail, please provide your contact information with your comments.

The LHMP assesses the risks posed by natural and human-caused hazards, identifies ways to reduce those risks, and allows the City and participating jurisdictions, such as San Joaquin County, to be eligible for mitigation grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The LHMP also supports the City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program and includes recommendations to improve the City's floodplain management policies and regulations.

A Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee that included stakeholders from various federal, state, and regional agencies and jurisdictions developed the draft LHMP over the past nine months with assistance from a consultant. The draft plan also includes feedback that was received at a <u>public workshop</u> held earlier this year. The City is now soliciting public comments on the LHMP before it is finalized and submitted to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and FEMA for review and approval.

Most people who live and work in the City of Tracy are vulnerable to a wide range of natural hazards, including dam/levee failure, drought, earthquakes, flooding, severe weather, extreme heat and wildfires. The community may also be exposed to potential human-caused hazards associated with facilities and infrastructure that contain hazardous materials. The final LHMP will provide the City with valuable tools to identify risks and mitigate hazards through future project-specific actions.

The City recognizes that our community is a source of tremendous creativity and public input will produce better planning decisions. All are encouraged to participate in the planning process by reviewing the <u>draft LHMP</u> and <u>providing feedback</u> by Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

Additional information on the planning process and documents prepared to date can be found on the City's LHMP website: https://www.ci.tracy.ca.us/?navId=9460. Questions and comments on the **-CONT-**



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draft plan may be directed to Karin Schnaider, Project Manager by calling (209) 831-6841 or by emailing: kschnaider@cityoftracy.org.

ABOUT THE CITY OF TRACY

Tracy is centered in a triangle formed by major interstates I-205 to the North, I-580 to the west and I-5 to the east. A collaboration of effort from our elected officials, employees and citizens means Tracy is a clean and safe community where opportunity, growth, and success prosper. We invite you to come for a visit, open your business, and settle down to raise a family in Tracy. Take a look "Inside the Triangle." You'll like our pace, and you'll love the place!

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