

PRESS RELEASE

LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PUBLIC FORUM

The Cities of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach and the Lucia Mar Unified School District have completed a draft multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Successful completion of this federally required plan will enable the above mentioned entities to receive federal mitigation funding following naturally occurring disasters and also permit them to apply for mitigation grants before disasters strike. The Plan has identified and profiled the natural hazards potentially affecting these communities. Risk and vulnerability assessments have been developed and mitigation goals and actions for the purpose of reducing or avoiding the effects of the identified hazards have been proposed. These goals represent a long-term vision for hazard reduction in these areas to ultimately make these Cities and School District, its residents, students, and businesses, much safer.

A successful Hazard Mitigation Planning necessitates involvement by local residents, businesses, the non-profit sector, and local government agencies in the planning and implementation process. This broad participation facilitates the development of the mitigation goals and actions and reflects the needs of stakeholders and the entire community.

A public forum will be held to enable members of these and surrounding communities to comment on the draft hazard mitigation plan. This forum will be held on **October 18, 2006 at 7 pm at the Grover Beach Fire Department at 701 Rockaway Avenue.**

Electronic copies are available from the Project Manager David Mathe, dmathe@arroyogrande.org upon request.

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