



## Introduction to the California State Hazard Mitigation Plan

### **What is the California State Hazard Mitigation Plan?**

The California (CA) State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP) represents the state's primary hazard mitigation guidance document - providing an updated analysis of the state's historical and current hazards, hazard mitigation goals and objectives, and hazard mitigation strategies and actions. The plan represents the state's overall commitment to supporting a comprehensive mitigation strategy to reduce or eliminate potential risks and impacts of disasters in order to promote faster recovery after disasters and, overall, a more resilient state. State Hazard Mitigation Plans are required to meet the Elements outlined in FEMA's State Mitigation Plan Review Guide (revised March 2015, effective March 2016). Upon approval, the CA SHMP is then adopted by the State for implementation for the next five (5) years.

### **Why is the CA SHMP important?**

The SHMP sets the mitigation priorities, strategies, and actions for the state. The plan also describes how risk assessment and mitigation strategy information is coordinated and linked from local mitigation plans into the SHMP, and provides a resource for local planners of risk information that may affect their planning area. States are required to review and revise its SHMP and resubmit it for FEMA approval at least every five years (5) pursuant to 44 Code of Federal Regulations §201.4 and §201.5 to ensure the continued eligibility of Stafford Act funding. This includes eligibility for FEMA's hazard mitigation assistance programs: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). This also includes eligibility for the Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) Program and Public Assistance (PA) grants (Categories C-G). Additionally, with an approved and adopted SHMP, the state remains eligible for the reduced cost share for grants awarded under the Flood Mitigation Assistance grant programs.

Per 44 Code of Federal Regulations §201.5(a), a state with a FEMA-approved Enhanced SHMP at the time of a disaster declaration is eligible to receive increased funds under HMGP, based on 20% of the total estimated eligible Stafford Act disaster assistance (vs. 15% for a Standard SHMP). CA has had an Enhanced SHMP for its FEMA-approved 2007, 2010, and 2013 SHMPs, and is striving to retain the state's Enhanced status with the 2018 CA SHMP update.

### **Who updates the SHMP for California?**

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), a state agency, leads the coordination efforts to update the SHMP and support related implementation efforts. The plan represents information gathered from State Hazard Mitigation Team members, Strategic Working Groups, and other valuable stakeholders and sources of information. Feedback and participation in the SHMP planning process is encouraged to help support the most comprehensive plan update possible and help to highlight all of the great hazard mitigation work the state is doing.

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**How can I be a part of the California State Hazard Mitigation Team (SHMT)?**

The SHMP update and implementation process would not be a success without the input and cooperation of our valuable CA SHMT members. As a member of the CA SHMT, you will receive information about hazard mitigation activities and news, including: current hazard mitigation grant opportunities, state hazard mitigation planning news, local hazard mitigation planning news, various local planning and climate adaptation resources, etc., opportunities for hazard mitigation and/or climate-related workshops, etc.

To become a SHMT member, please email [mitigationplanning@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:mitigationplanning@caloes.ca.gov) with your request to be added to the SHMT contact list. Please also use this email address if you have any questions about the State Hazard Mitigation Plan or general questions about Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

**For additional information about CA's Hazard Mitigation Branch resources, please visit the following sites.**

**Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Planning Division webpage (local resources and the State plan):**

<http://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/hazard-mitigation/hazard-mitigation-planning>

*Have any Mitigation Planning questions? Please email [mitigationplanning@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:mitigationplanning@caloes.ca.gov)*

**Cal OES Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Division:**

<http://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/hazard-mitigation/pre-disaster-flood-mitigation>

*Have any PDM/FMA questions? Please email [PDFM@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:PDFM@caloes.ca.gov)*

**Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Division:**

<http://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/recovery/disaster-mitigation-technical-support/404-hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

*Have any HMGP questions? Please email [HMGP@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:HMGP@caloes.ca.gov)*

**Cal OES Dam Emergency Action Planning (EAP) Division:**

<http://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/hazard-mitigation/dam-emergency-action-planning>

*Have any Dam EAP questions? Please email [eap@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:eap@caloes.ca.gov)*