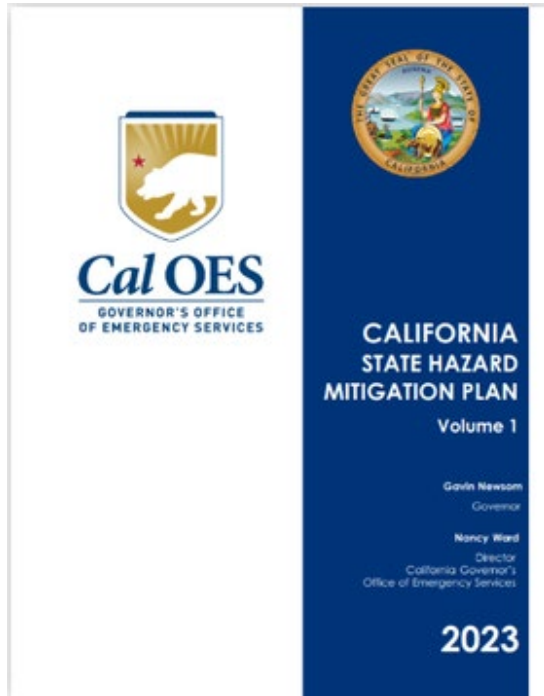




STATE MITIGATION PLANNING NEWSLETTER



The State Mitigation Planning (SMP) Unit is excited to share key program updates!

This newsletter features:

- SMP Unit accomplishments in 2025
- Preview of the 2028 State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP) update kickoff for Hazard and Working Group contributors
- Snapshot of the 2028 SHMP update timeline
- A review of the 2025 FEMA State Mitigation Planning Guide & Enhanced Elements Quarterly Reporting Elements
- SHMP Mitigation Actions Campaign
- 2026 Update of the California Adaptation Planning Guide (APG)

The SMP Unit is excited to share major accomplishments for the 2023 SHMP:

- Comprehensive SHMP summary documents
- Translations of summary documents into the top seven languages in California, other than English:
 - Armenian
 - Chinese (traditional and simplified)
 - Korean
 - Hmong
 - Spanish
 - Tagalog
 - Vietnamese
- Webinars covering core SHMP concepts and hazard profiles
- To engage younger audiences, the Team developed a fun and educational SHMP activity book designed especially for kids. This activity book includes:
 - Puzzles
 - Word searches
 - Emergency preparedness tips tailored for younger audiences
 - Also available in Spanish



In addition to these publications, the SMP unit is available to provide training sessions on the SHMP for jurisdictions and partners.



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Coming Soon!

2028 SHMP Update Kickoff!

Be on the lookout for an invite to the 2028 SHMP Update Kickoff on May 13, 2026!

Agenda Items Preview

- SHMP Vol 1 and Vol 2 update
- Project overview and 2028 SHMP update timeline
- Goals & Objectives
- Hazards Identification
- What are the next steps

Agenda Subject to Change

2028 State Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Timeline Snapshot

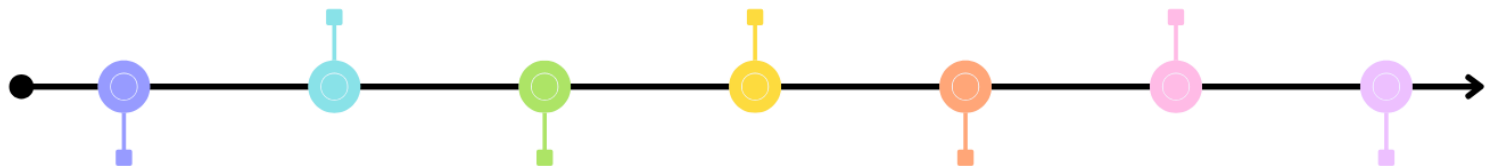
Phase 1 - 2026

- Partner Assignments
- SHMP Chapter/Section Delegation
- Legislation/CFR
- Mitigation Updates
- Send Invite for Kickoff
- Email Out Newsletter
- Ongoing Meetings with Partners
- Hazard Identification/Potential Hazards
- Risk Assessment and Vulnerability Assessment

Feb-Apr

May-Dec

Nov



Q1 (Jan-Feb)

Q2 May

Q3 Jul-Dec

Q4 2026 Closeout

- Planning/Outreach
- Newsletter
- Meeting Structure
- Agenda items
- PowerPoint

- Kickoff May 13, 2026
- Ground Rules/Deadlines
- 2028 Timeline
- 2028 Plan Prep

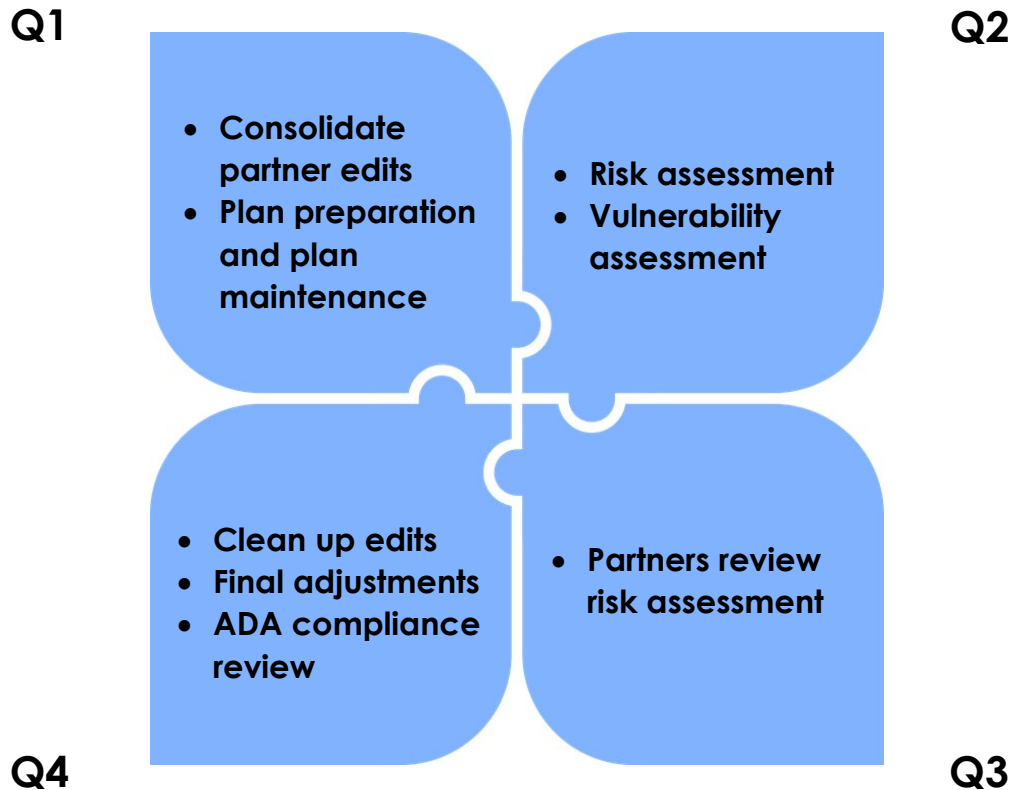
- Outgoing Outreach, Partners Meetings & Collaboration

- Year-end Closeout
- Ongoing Risk Assessment
- Planning for 2027

****2026 Prep Subject to Change****



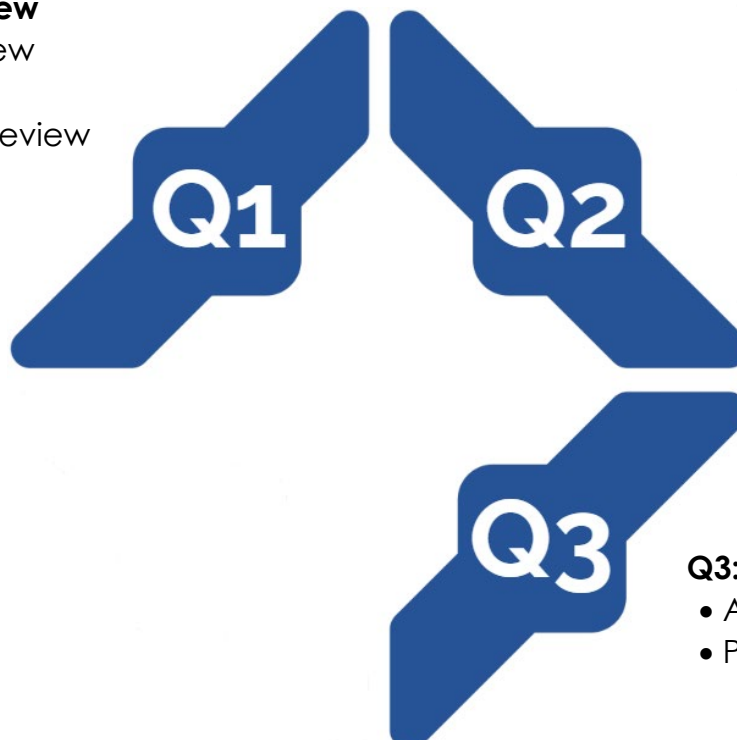
2028 SHMP Update Phase 2 – 2027



2028 SHMP Update Phase 3 – 2028

Q1: Draft Review

- Public Review
- HM Review
- Executive Review



Q2: Internal Review

- April – End of public comment period
- May – Consolidate comments
- June – Send to Executive team for final review, consolidate feedback
- June – Submit to FEMA

Q3: Approved & Adopted

- August 2028
- Publish



2025 FEMA State Mitigation Policy Guide Review

The [State Mitigation Planning Policy Guide 2025](#) is FEMA's official policy guidance and interpretation of the state hazard mitigation planning requirements set forth in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 201. [The CFR will guide the 2028 SHMP update.](#)

Elements E6 and E7 list criteria for enabling other agency planning initiatives to inform the State's mitigation strategy and Statewide programs, initiatives, and plans that advance mitigation and resilience. [This process ensures that California keeps an active Enhanced status between updates.](#)

Integrated Planning and Coordination (E6)

An enhanced SHMP requires:

- Demonstration of sustained history of integrating mitigation actions across agencies, sectors, and stakeholders
- Embedding mitigation principles, risk information, goals, and actions into other state and regional plans, programs, and efforts
- Coordination of mitigation across key sectors, including emergency management, economic development, land use and building codes, housing, health and human services, infrastructure, and natural and cultural resources
- Explaining any barriers limiting integration and strategies to overcome those barriers
- Collaboration and shared responsibility leveraged to maximize resources, investments, and resilience outcomes

Commitment to a Comprehensive Mitigation Program (E7)

An enhanced SHMP requires a robust, statewide commitment to mitigation exceeding standard SHMP requirements, including:

- Implementing laws, policies, and programs advancing risk-informed land use, resilient building codes, post-disaster recover integration, protection of critical facilities, and innovative public/private partnerships
- Showing commitment to training, capability building, and local plan implementation
- Ensuring that at least 75% of eligible local jurisdictions have current or updating mitigation plans

California is among fewer than 20 states to have earned Enhanced SHMP status. This designation qualifies the state for millions of dollars in additional federal disaster funding compared to states with a Standard SHMP. Documenting and highlighting your organization's mitigation efforts is essential to meeting the ongoing requirements of Enhanced SHMP status and to maintaining a formal record for FEMA's annual validation. Participation in SHMP quarterly report updates directly supports the state's continued eligibility for Enhanced SHMP status and advances our shared mitigation objectives. [Please contact the SMP Unit for more information and to be added to the quarterly updates roster.](#)



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Mitigation Actions and Goals

Throughout the months of February and March, the SMP Unit will be conducting its annual update campaign for the 92 mitigation actions listed in the 2023 SHMP. Participation in the update campaign is essential to documenting California's resilience efforts between SHMP updates and ensures a smoother process for official SHMP updates.

Mitigation actions detail efforts taken at the state level to mitigate against the various hazards profiled in the SHMP. Each of these actions list one or multiple responsible agencies. Implementing hazard mitigation actions is critical to building community resiliency and protecting California communities in the coming decades.

The mitigation actions are part of the larger mitigation strategy in the 2023 SHMP. The mitigation strategy is based on the goals listed in Chapter 44 of the SHMP, reflecting the State's current priorities:

- **Goal 1** - Significantly reduce risk to life, community lifelines, the environment, property, and infrastructure by planning and implementing whole-community risk reduction and resilience strategies.
- **Goal 2** - Build capacity and capabilities to increase disaster resilience among historically underserved populations, individuals with access and functional needs, and communities disproportionately impacted by disasters and climate change.
- **Goal 3** - Incorporate equity metrics, tools, and strategies into all mitigation planning, policy, funding, outreach, and implementation efforts.
- **Goal 4** - Apply the best available science and authoritative data to design, implement, and prioritize projects that enhance resilience to natural hazards and climate change impacts.
- **Goal 5** - Integrate mitigation principles into laws, regulations, policies, and guidance to support equitable outcomes to benefit the whole community.
- **Goal 6** - Significantly reduce barriers to timely, efficient, and effective hazard mitigation planning and action.

The mitigation actions can be viewed in Chapter 47 of the 2023 SHMP located on the [Cal OES State Mitigation Planning webpage](#).



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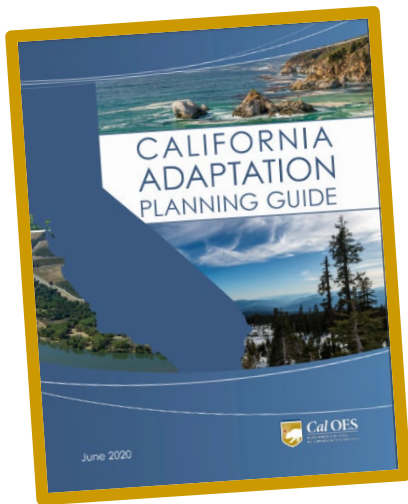
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California Adaptation Planning Guide (APG) UPDATE



What is the APG?

The California Adaptation Planning Guide (APG) is a resource designed to support local governments, regional organizations, and Tribal Nations in integrating best practices and current science into climate adaptation planning. The APG helps communities meet state requirements for local adaptation planning while providing practical recommendations to strengthen community-level climate resilience.

Third Edition of the APG

Cal OES State Mitigation Planning is leading the third update of the Adaptation Planning Guide. This update is being developed in collaboration with the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI), and other partner organizations.

We look forward to engaging local and regional governments, tribal nations, nonprofit partners, and others throughout this update process.

The APG supports the integration of climate change and future conditions into local planning efforts and encourages coordination across multiple planning mechanisms, including:

- Local and Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMPs/THMPs)
- Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs)
- Climate Action Plans (CAPs)
- General Plans and related land-use planning efforts



Help Shape the 2026 California Adaptation Planning Guide

Your perspective is essential. Please take a few minutes to share what would make the APG most valuable for your organization and resiliency pursuits.

Stay Connected

Join the APG listserv to receive updates on the APG 3.0 development process, engagement opportunities, and release announcements. To join the listserv or get involved, contact

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