



# City of Clearlake

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### **City of Clearlake Local Hazard Mitigation Plan**

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In accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA), the City of Clearlake is developing a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The purpose of the LHMP development process is to help reduce impacts of natural hazards to the citizens, property, and critical infrastructure in the city. Wildfire, drought, flood, and severe weather hazards are just a few of the hazards of concern to the Clearlake community. While natural hazards such as these cannot be prevented, an LHMP forms the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses by breaking the repeated cycle of disaster damage and reconstruction. Communities with a DMA-compliant, FEMA-approved LHMP are eligible for FEMA pre- and post-disaster grant funding and are better positioned to respond and recover when disasters occur.

FEMA defines **Hazard Mitigation** as any action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from hazards. Hazard mitigation planning is a process for state and local governments to identify community level policies and actions to mitigate and thus reduce the impacts of natural hazards.

#### ***Opportunities for Input***

Members of the community have a very important role in this process. A draft of the LHMP will be available on the City of Clearlake website in the spring of 2019 for review and comment by the public and all interested stakeholders. Planning team and public meetings will also be held as a part of the plan development process. In addition to plan participation by the City of Clearlake and stakeholders from other local, state, and federal agencies, the public is encouraged to attend and participate in our upcoming public meetings. Information on specific meeting times and locations are detailed below:

#### ***Upcoming Meetings***

***Date:*** Wednesday, October 3, 2018

***Time:*** 5:30pm to 7:00pm

According to City Manager Greg Folsom, “Having a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in place is critical to the City being able to access grant funding to help mitigate damage from future hazards/disasters that may impact the City of Clearlake. Input from concerned citizens is vital to helping us put together a plan that works to the benefit of all of our residents.”

For more information on this project and how to become involved, contact Adeline Brown at (707) 994-8201 Ext. 341 or email at [abrown@clearlake.ca.us](mailto:abrown@clearlake.ca.us)

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