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Prevention, Recovery, Resiliency, & Mitigation Executive Office May 2025 CEO Report

Introduction

The Prevention, Recovery, Resiliency, and Mitigation (PRRM) Division was created to work directly with state, federal, and local partners in the physical and financial recovery of the County. The Division works across public and private sectors to ensure that unmet needs are being addressed within the community.

For more information on Emergency Preparedness, Recovery, and Resources visit us online at:
<https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/community/fire-recovery>

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Mendocino County is nearing completion of the 2025 update to the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The CWPP is a collaborative, community-driven plan that outlines local strategies for managing wildfire risks, prioritizing actions to protect people, property, and natural resources. The CWPP was developed through the collaboration of the core team, consisting of the County, operational area partners, State and Federal agencies, non-profits, and community groups. Input and comments from the public were solicited throughout the planning process. Two community meetings were held, one in person at the Behavioral Health Training Center in Redwood Valley on October 21, 2024, and the other online on February 7, 2025. Additional input was also sought via a tabling at the Ukiah Pumpkinfest on October 19, 2024, and via a public comment period online from February 2025 to March 3, 2025. The final draft of the plan was delivered by the contractor, SWCA Environmental Consultants, on April 14, 2025. County staff are working on final edits, and the plan will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for adoption and grant closeout on May 20, 2025.

Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) assesses risks posed by natural and human-caused hazards and develops mitigation strategies for reducing the County's risks. The MJHMP was last updated in 2020 and is due for an update in 2025. Grant funding through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has been secured for the update to this plan. The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) includes the following jurisdictions: Mendocino County, City of Fort Bragg, City of Point Arena, City of Ukiah, City of Willits, Covelo Fire Protection District, Mendocino County Office of Education, and the Noyo Harbor District. The County conducted a competitive RFP process in 2024 and selected a contractor, Synergy Disaster Recovery, to coordinate the update of the MJHMP. The contract will be coming to the Board of Supervisors for approval on May 20, 2025.

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Update

The County was previously awarded a \$3.6 million Phase 1 grant award through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program. That award was part of a larger multi-phase \$50 million project to increase fire resilience by creating defensible space,

reducing hazardous fuels, and retrofitting homes with ignition-resistant materials in the Brooktrails/Sherwood Corridor.

However, on April 4, 2025, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the cancellation of all BRIC applications/awards from Fiscal Years 2020-2023. In light of that, the County has suspended its program pending a review of Phase 1 activities by FEMA, and further clarification and guidance have been received from CalOES and FEMA. CalOES has advised BRIC recipients to explore the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) as an alternative funding opportunity for BRIC projects. Staff continue to work with CalOES to identify alternative funding solutions to the project.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

The FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides funding to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments so they can develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses in their communities. This FEMA grant funding becomes available after a presidentially declared disaster.

The PRRM Division is currently working with the Grants Unit to develop an application for HMGP that would incorporate elements of the suspended BRIC project for the Brooktrails/Sherwood corridor. This proposed project would be less ambitious than the BRIC project but still aims to strengthen wildfire resiliency in this vulnerable community.

Ignition Resistant

Funded by FEMA HMGP. This is a rebate program that provides partial reimbursement of replacement for the flammable roofing materials with non-flammable materials to improve community resiliency in the face of wildfire and prevent loss of life and property.

County staff anticipate completing both the projects and reimbursements by December 31, 2025. They are actively working with participants and construction companies to move the project forward. In April, the County sent a mailer to program participants confirming that the project is not funded by BRIC and is currently unaffected by any federal budget cuts.

