

Atascosa-McMullen Counties Multijurisdictional

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan

Public Meeting on *November 7th, 2018*

PRESS RELEASE

Atascosa and McMullen Counties, Charlotte, Christine, Jourdanton, Lytle, Pleasanton, Poteet and their school districts along with McCoy Water Supply will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, November 7th to gather public input for their FEMA Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

The meeting is from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm at Pleasanton Civic Center 115 N. Main St. Pleasanton, Texas. The public, area businesses and organizations located throughout the planning area are invited and encouraged to attend.

Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires communities to develop a mitigation plan to minimize or eliminate the long term risk to human life and property from known hazards. Mitigation is defined by FEMA as sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects. Hazards that may pose risk and potentially result in disaster include drought, flood, hurricane, tornado, wildfire and other high hazards.

Communities with a FEMA-approved Plan are eligible for certain grant funding under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) program to fund critical projects such as buyouts and structural elevation of repetitive flood loss structures, drainage projects and hardening critical facilities to minimize future damage from natural disasters that affect the Atascosa - McMullen Counties planning area.

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide a project overview from Langford Community Management Services, consultant to the project, and solicit information from citizens. Public input will help the Local Planning Teams to identify and analyze potential hazards affecting residents and recommend possible actions to reduce their impact throughout Atascosa-McMullen Counties and the planning area.

In addition to the required meetings, the communities are conducting an on-line community survey to understand residents' top concerns. The survey is at <https://www.tiny.cc/amhmap>.

Copies of the survey can be found at the Atascosa and McMullen Court Houses along or at the local city halls and libraries of the above identified plan participants.

The communities welcome your input!

Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Atascosa County EMC office to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Atascosa County EMC office at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact David Prasifka, Atascosa County Emergency Management Coordinator at 830-769-9348.