

Immediate Press Release

Atascosa-McMullen County Multi-jurisdictional

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

To Have Final Public Meeting Reviews

Atascosa-McMullen County along with the participating jurisdictions of Charlotte, Christine, Jourdanton, Lytle, Pleasanton, Poteet, Lytle ISD, Poteet ISD, and McCoy Water Supply will be having their final public meetings in June, 2020 to review their FEMA Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HMAP) at their individual governing board meetings. *Please check your local governing board postings for exact time, date and place.* If you are unable to go to your governing board meeting and want to make a comment, please email the LCMS consulting firm at lcms@lcmsinc.com

The Atascosa-McMullen County Multi-jurisdictional HAZMAP plan can be found on-line at. <https://tinyurl.com/Atascosa-McMullen-FEMA-HMAP>

Hard copies of the plan can be found at the fore mentioned city halls, public libraries, school districts, county court houses and McCoy Water Supply.

All of these participating jurisdictions have been working with Langford Community Management grant consultant and Rojas Planning, once FEMA funding was acquired, in order to develop a plan to offer practical approaches and examples for how the communities can engage in effective planning to reduce long-term risk from natural hazards and disasters.

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 but not limited to drought, flood, hurricane, tornado, and wildfire.

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 County planning area.

Initial public meetings were held in November, 2018 in order to assist the Local CORE Planning Team to identify and analyze potential hazards affecting residents and recommend possible actions to reduce their impact throughout Atascosa-McMullen Counties and the planning area.

Once the final public input is obtained, the plan will be submitted to FEMA for approval. It normally takes from 3-6 months for FEMA review. Upon FEMA approval, the plan will come back to each jurisdiction for final adoption to become the official FEMA Multi-jurisdictional Atascosa-McMullen County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. The plan is required by FEMA to be reviewed and updated every five years.