

Santa Barbara County Hazard Mitigation Plan

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Overview

- Update the 2005 FEMA approved Plan
- Focuses on natural hazards and repetitive damage history
- Identifies mitigation strategies and projects
- Informs, educates and involves public participation
- Assists emergency management staff in response planning
- Assists policy makers with future planning decisions



Goals

- Promote disaster resistant future development
- Invest in programs that reduce threats/risks
- Enhance hazard mitigation coordination and communication
- Inform the residents regarding their hazards



Highlights For County

- Flood & Coastal Erosion/Surge
- Wildfire & Wildfire Vulnerability
- Agricultural Pests & Vulnerability
- Earthquake & Tsunami
- Landslide & Coastal Erosion
- Dam Failure



Challenges

- Federal Approach to Definitions
- Financial Abilities of Local Government
- Jurisdictional Cooperation
- Private Land Rights/Regulation
- Federal Priorities



Thank You
Questions?

