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CITY OF HERCULES LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (~~2020~~2025**)**

A Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is a five-year plan that identifies hazards, assesses vulnerabilities, and outlines strategies to reduce disaster damage. The goal is to reduce loss of life, injury, and property damage.

LHMP Key Components:

- **Community profile: Describes the community**
- **Hazards assessment: Identifies natural hazards that the community faces**
- **Risk assessment: Assesses the community's vulnerabilities to those hazards**
- **Mitigation actions: Outlines strategies to reduce the impact of disasters**
- **Implementation and maintenance programs: Describes how the mitigation actions will be carried out and maintained**

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all cities, counties, and special districts to adopt an LHMP to receive disaster mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This plan must be adopted by local governments every five (5) years.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 2140, passed in 2006, California counties and cities can be considered for additional state cost-share on eligible Public Assistance projects by adopting a FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as part of their Safety Elements.

In conjunction with the update to the Safety Element, the City of Hercules authored a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The purpose of the plan is hazard identification, risk assessment, and mitigation strategies for protecting people, property and the environment in the City of Hercules. The Plan focused on four hazards that could have the greatest impact on the city. The hazard ranking process involves an assessment of the likelihood of occurrence for each hazard, along with its potential impacts on people, property, and the economy. Hercules aligned their Goals and Objectives with Contra Costa County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for consistency. The plan complies with federal and state hazard mitigation planning requirements to establish eligibility for funding under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and fulfills requirements for climate change adaptation and resilience under Gov. Code 65302(g)(4).