

# Section Six

## Plan Implementation and Maintenance

### Introduction

Participants of the Las Animas County HMP will be responsible for monitoring, evaluating, and updating the plan during its five-year lifespan. Hazard mitigation projects will be prioritized by each participant's governing body with support and suggestions from the public, business owners, and stakeholders. Each participant identified the positions that will be responsible for plan maintenance, the frequency of review, and how the public will be involved. The information can be found in each individual participant profile under the Plan Maintenance section. During the review, the lead agency (or appropriate department/staff) identified on each mitigation action, will report on the status of projects and include which implementation processes worked well, any difficulties encountered, how coordination efforts are proceeding, and which strategies could be revised.

**Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(i):** [The plan maintenance process shall include a] section describing the method and schedule of monitoring, evaluating, and updating the mitigation plan within a five-year cycle.

**Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(ii):** [The plan shall include a] process by which local governments incorporate the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, when appropriate.

**Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(iii):** [The plan maintenance process shall include a] discussion on how the community will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process.

To assist with monitoring of the plan, as each mitigation action is completed, a detailed timeline of how that project was completed will be written and attached to the plan in a format selected by the governing body. Information that will be included will address project timeline, agencies involved, area(s) benefited, total funding, etc.

In addition, each local review team will be responsible for ensuring that the HMP's goals are incorporated into applicable revisions of each participant's comprehensive plan and any new planning projects undertaken by the participant. The HMP will also consider any changes in comprehensive plans and incorporate the information accordingly in its next update.

The FEMA required update of this plan will occur at least every five years, to reduce the risk of the HMP expiring. Updates may be incorporated more frequently, especially in the event of a major hazard. Las Animas County will start meeting to discuss mitigation updates at least 18 months prior to the deadline for completing the plan update. The persons overseeing the evaluation process will review the goals and objectives of the previous plan and evaluate them to determine whether they are still pertinent and current. Among other questions, they may want to consider the following. Worksheets in *Appendix C* may also be used to assist with plan updates.

- Do the goals and objectives address current and expected conditions?
- If any of the recommended projects have been completed, did they have the desired impact on the goal for which they were identified? If not, what was the reason it was not successful (lack of funds/resources, lack of political/popular support, underestimation of the amount of time needed, etc.)?
- Have either the nature, magnitude, and/or type of risks changed?
- Are there implementation problems?
- Are current resources appropriate to implement the plan?
- Were the outcomes as expected?
- Did the plan partners participate as originally planned?
- Are there other agencies which should be included in the revision process?

### Continued Public Involvement

To ensure continued plan support and input from the public and business owners, public involvement will remain a top priority for each participant. Every participating jurisdiction identified ways the public will be involved in the update process. Various identified ways include:

- Social Media,
- Website,
- Town/City Council/Board Meetings,
- Letters,

### Unforeseen Opportunities

If new, innovative mitigation strategies arise that could impact the county, participants, or elements of this plan, a plan amendment may be proposed and considered separate from the annual review and other proposed plan amendments. Las Animas County will compile lists of proposed amendments received annually and prepare a report for DHSEM, by providing applicable information for each proposal, and recommend action on the proposed amendments.

### Incorporation into Existing Planning Mechanisms

Las Animas County and the consultant utilized a variety of plan integration tools to help communities determine how their existing planning mechanisms were related to the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Utilizing FEMA's *Integrating the Local Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan into a Community's Comprehensive Plan*<sup>1</sup> guidance, as well as FEMA's *2015 Plan Integration*<sup>2</sup> guide, each community engaged in a plan integration discussion. This discussion was facilitated by a Plan Integration Worksheet. This document offered an easy way for participants to identify and explore planning mechanisms which amplify and interface with the HMP. An example of the Plan Integration Worksheet can be found in *Appendix B*.

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1 Federal Emergency Management Agency. November 2013. "FEMA Region X Integrating the Local Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan into a Community's Comprehensive Plan." [https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1908-25045-0016/integrating\\_hazmit.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1908-25045-0016/integrating_hazmit.pdf).

2 Federal Emergency Management Agency. July 2015. "Plan Integration: Linking Local Planning Efforts." [https://www.fema.gov/media-librarydata/1440522008134-ddb097cc285bf741986b48fdcef31c6e/R3\\_Plan\\_Integration\\_0812\\_508.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-librarydata/1440522008134-ddb097cc285bf741986b48fdcef31c6e/R3_Plan_Integration_0812_508.pdf).

# Section Seven

## Participant Profiles

### Purpose of Community Profiles

Participant Profiles contain information specific to jurisdictions participating in the Las Animas County HMP planning effort. Participant Profiles were developed with the intention of highlighting each jurisdiction's unique characteristics that affect its vulnerability to hazards. Participant Profiles may serve as a short reference of identified vulnerabilities and mitigation actions for a jurisdiction as they implement the mitigation plan. Information from individual participants was collected at public and one-on-one meetings and used to establish their section of the plan. Participant Profiles may include the following elements:

- Local Planning Team Members
- Location and Geography
- Demographics
- Employment and Economics
- Housing
- Governance
- Capability Assessment
- Plan Integration
- Future Development Trends
- Community Lifelines
- Parcel Assessment and Valuation
- Historical Occurrences
- Hazard Prioritization
- Mitigation Strategy
- Plan Maintenance

In addition, maps specific to each jurisdiction are included such as: jurisdictional boundaries; community lifelines; dam locations; flood prone areas; and a future land use map (when available). The hazard prioritization information, as provided by individual participants, varies due in large part to the extent of the geographical area, the jurisdiction's designated representatives (who were responsible for completing meeting worksheets), identification of hazards, occurrence and risk of each hazard type, and other locally supplied information.

The overall risk assessment for the identified hazard types represents the presence and vulnerability to each hazard area wide throughout the entire county. A discussion of certain hazards selected for each Participant Profile were prioritized by the local planning team based on the identification of hazards of greatest concern, hazard history, and the jurisdiction's capabilities. The hazards not examined in depth can be found in *Section Four: Risk Assessment*.