



Houston-Galveston  
Area Council

# Austin County Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee Meeting April 26, 2023

## A G E N D A

**1:00 PM**

**Welcome & Sign-in**

**1:05 PM**

**March Meeting Recap**

H-GAC staff will provide an overview of meeting notes and hazards ranked by risk, as determined by the committee at the previous meeting.

**Risk Categories**

**Questions from last meeting**

**Where are we now?**

H-GAC staff will discuss project timeline and next steps

**Capability Assessment Overview**

**1:45 PM**

**Capability Assessment Exercise**

**3:00 PM**

**Adjourn**



# Austin County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, Kickoff Meeting 4/26/2023 NOTES

## ATTENDANCE

Name	Title	Organization
Amanda Ashcroft	Planner	H-GAC
Bob Ray	Mayor	City of Brazos Country
Bobby Byars	Mayor	City of San Felipe
Clay Engelbrecht	Fire Chief	City of Wallis
Jerry Ebers	Clerk	City of South Frydek
Josh Brothers	Planner	City of Sealy
Julie Ebers	Commissioner	City of South Frydek
Kimbra Hill	City Manager	City of Sealy
Maya Mable Meyers	Mayor	City of Industry
Roy Mercer	EMC	Austin County OEM
Shannon Hanath	Administrative Assistant	Austin County
Stephen Bozich	Director of Parks, Recreation, Streets, Drainage & Buildings	City of Sealy
Travis Cochran		City of Sealy

## MEETING NOTES

### Welcome and Introductions

Amanda Ashcroft welcomed participants and had all introduce their name, title, and the organization they represented.

### March Meeting Recap

Amanda went over meeting topics and discussion items from the kickoff and risk identification/assessment meeting held in March.

Amanda reviewed questions from last meeting and provided some clarity regarding incorporating cyber security and other man-made hazard projects into the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Amanda presented a new project timeline. Since the risk assessment was returned today, and the capability assessment is being conducted today, we are ahead of schedule and the Hazard Mitigation Committee will not meet in May. This will allow for H-GAC staff to draft pieces of the plan and prepare materials for public outreach events planned for June.

### Capability Assessment

Amanda reviewed what a capability assessment is in relation to hazard mitigation planning, the categories of capabilities that fall within the capability assessment, and why this process is important to hazard mitigation planning.

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Categories discussed were:

1. Prevention- Administrative or regulatory actions that influence the way land is developed and buildings are built. Examples include planning & zoning, building codes, open space preservation, and floodplain regulations.
2. Property Protection- Modification or removal of existing buildings to protect them from a hazard. Examples include purchase, relocation, raised elevation, and structural retrofits.
3. Natural Resource Protection- Preservation or restoration of the functions of natural systems while minimizing hazard losses. Examples include floodplain protection, forest management, and slope stabilization.
4. Structural Projects- Modification of the natural conditions for or progression of a hazard. Examples include dams, levees, seawalls, detention/retention basins, channel modification, retaining walls, and storm sewers.
5. Emergency Services- Protection of people and property during and immediately after a hazard event. Examples include warning systems, evacuation planning, emergency response training, and protection of emergency facilities.
6. Public Education and Awareness- Informing of citizens about hazards and the techniques they can use to protect themselves and their property. Examples include outreach, school education, library materials, and demonstration events.

### **Public & Stakeholder Online Survey**

Amanda discussed the development of an online survey component for the plan update. H-GAC staff are working on building and making the survey live for public input soon. When the survey is live a link will be sent out to the Hazard Mitigation Committee to share.

### **Next Steps**

Amanda outlined next steps for the local planning team and members of the hazard mitigation planning committee. Committee members should provide their completed capability assessment forms to Amanda when they are complete.

There will be no meeting in May 2023. There will be a public outreach event in June to solicit public input on the plan and its components.

After the presentation, the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee worked through the Risk Assessment worksheet together for the remainder of the meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.**