



Austin County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, Meeting Notes

10/4/2023 & 10/25/2023

A G E N D A (10/4/2023)

1:00 PM

Welcome

1:05 PM

Online Survey

Open Discussion: Plan Goals & Maintenance

Mitigation Action Plans

H-GAC staff will discuss the components of the mitigation action plan, project categories, ideas, plan goals, and plan maintenance procedures.

Visualizing Risk

Mitigation Strategy

3:00 PM

Adjourn

A T T E N D A N C E

Name	Title	Organization
Amanda Ashcroft	Planner, Community & Environmental	H-GAC
Cheryl Mergo	Senior Manager, Community & Environmental	H-GAC
Clay Engelbrecht	Fire Chief	City of Wallis
Chip Reed	County Commissioner	Austin County
Shannon Hanath	Precincts Administrative Assistant	Austin County
Roy Mercer	EMC	Austin County OEM
Jason Smalley	Police Chief / EMC	City of Bellville
Bob Ray	Mayor	City of Brazos Country
Maya Mable Meyers	Mayor	City of Industry
Sue Foley	Town Secretary	City of San Felipe
Steven Silver	Fire Chief	City of San Felipe
Brooke Kaiser	Public Works Admin/GIS Tech.	City of Sealy
Travis Cochran	Wastewater Superintendent	City of Sealy
Jerry Ebers	Clerk	City of South Frydek
Julie Ebers	Commissioner	City of South Frydek



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Online Survey

H-GAC staff and hazard mitigation committee members discussed a closing date for the online survey. The survey has been open for responses beginning May 2023 and was heavily advertised at outreach events and through city websites. Austin County had a total of 30 responses.

Open Discussion: Plan Goals & Maintenance

The hazard mitigation committee discussed plan goals and maintenance. H-GAC staff introduced plan goals from some of the more recent hazard mitigation plan within the region, highlighted language used, and gave suggestions about how goals from the 2017 plan could be expanded or updated. The hazard mitigation committee and H-GAC staff then discussed plan maintenance procedures and noted updates for 2023/2024.

Mitigation Action Plans

H-GAC staff discussed the components of the mitigation action plan, mitigation action project categories, ideas (including resources and where to find them), plan goals, plan maintenance procedures, and benefit cost analysis.

Visualizing Risk

H-GAC staff presented maps developed for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Map changes requested by the committee were noted, corrected maps will be presented at the next meeting.

Mitigation Strategy

H-GAC staff presented over the mitigation strategy. These are the projects or actions to reduce the impacts of the hazards of concern on your community. There are 4 main categories for these actions. Plans and Regulations, Structure and Infrastructure Studies and Projects, Natural Systems Protection Studies and Projects, and Education and Awareness. Staff ran out of time to fully cover the Agenda, and together with the hazard mitigation committee picked the next meeting to occur on 10/25/2023 in-person to continue the conversation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.



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1:00 PM **Welcome & Sign-in**

Plan Goals- *revisit*

Mitigation Strategy (cont.)

Resources

Jurisdiction Packets

Next Steps

3:00 PM **Adjourn**

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Name	Title	Organization
Amanda Ashcroft	Planner, Community & Environmental	H-GAC
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Plan Goals

H-GAC staff introduced updated plan goals, as discussed during the last meeting. The hazard mitigation committee then discussed any necessary updates to the suggested plan goals.

Plan goals included:

1. Educate citizens regarding emergency situations related to hazards.
2. Develop publications and educational information on all hazards that is easily accessible to all within Austin County.
3. Promote the use of emergency notification systems and weather alerts for all hazards.
4. Decrease the risk to life and property from hazards through planning, preparation, and mitigation.
5. Develop policies and strategies to effectively manage and reduce risk.
6. Increase the resiliency of Austin County through projects and strategies that reduce the impacts of hazards.
7. Enhance coordination between local jurisdictions, county, state, and federal agencies.
8. Support the continuity of operations before, during, and after hazard events.
9. Incorporate hazard mitigation into community planning such as codes/ordinances, day-to-day operations, and projects.
10. Identify, protect, and assist socially vulnerable populations recovery from hazard impacts.

Mitigation Strategy (cont.)

H-GAC staff and the hazard mitigation committee picked up from the last meeting on 10/4/2023. They discussed how the risk assessment, capability assessment, and feedback from stakeholders all work together to help inform the mitigation strategy. The updated maps were presented by H-GAC staff to show critical facilities (expanded) with different hazard data to showcase what critical facilities or areas may be vulnerable to certain risks. City of Sealy staff had updates to the maps regarding water/sewer rounds. Any other map changes requested were notated, corrected maps will be presented at the next meeting.

Resources

H-GAC staff highlighted resources and discussed the benefit cost analysis tool through FEMA, including when it would be required for use.

Jurisdiction Packets

H-GAC Staff created packets for each jurisdiction to include maps, survey data, public input, a list of critical facilities, and pertinent information/projects from the 2017 plan.

Next Steps

H-GAC staff highlighted resources and discussed the benefit cost analysis tool through FEMA, including when it would be required for use. H-GAC staff and the hazard mitigation committee then discussed next steps which included the online form for action item submittal- changes to be made to the form, and individual meetings for further assistance. The committee then discussed the possibility of an online format to share project ideas or quotes to make the action item submittal process easier all.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.