



Jefferson County All-Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee

Kick-Off Meeting MINUTES

February 17, 2022 • 0930 – 1100

Virtual (Webex)

Meeting goals:

Reiterate & discuss the Committees purpose and scope

Review mitigation projects

Discuss next steps

- Welcome, Roll Call and Background

- Jeffco Emergency Management Coordinator, Erika Roberts: Welcome

- Good morning and welcome to the kick off meeting for the Jefferson County All-Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee. My name is Erika Roberts, I am with the Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management and I was one of the main project managers to get our plan updated and this initiative off the ground. The Jeffco Office of Emergency Management serves the geographic Jefferson County, and Mitigation is just one area that we plan for with a diverse group of experts from around the county, state, and country. After a multi-year planning effort (overlapping with COVID) Jefferson County, along with 20 other participating agencies went through a deliberate planning process to update our Hazard Mitigation Plan. This lies in the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, which created the framework for governments to engage in hazard mitigation planning to receive certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance. The Plan allows all participating agencies that formally adopted the plan to be eligible for pre & post disaster mitigation dollars. This plan is updated every 5 years. Now that we have an updated plan, now is the time to build the framework to maintain and implement the plan through the establishment of the first, formally adopted into resolution, all-hazard mitigation advisory committee in Colorado (this is common in other parts of the country). This committee will act as the central forum for all-hazard mitigation issues for the county - reiterating all-hazard not just fire, includes flood, winter storms, drought, subsidence, expansive soils, dam failures -

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even includes cyber-attacks and pandemics . More on the purpose and scope of the committee later. Now onto some administrative items.

- All members will moved to a Panelist role which means you can turn your video on and unmute yourself. All other stakeholders and the public will be assigned as attendees. You will not be able to turn your video on or unmute yourself without permissions. Please chat the host if you have any questions or would like to publically comment.
- Roll-Call
- Background
 - 10/2019: FEMA grant approval to update HMP
 - \$70k grant + required in-kind services
 - 10/2020: Vendor selected
 - 12/2020: HMP Kick-Off
 - 01/2021: Hazards & Risk Assessment
 - 01/2021: Public Meeting
 - 02/2021: Mitigation Strategies
 - 06/2021: 2nd Public Meeting
 - 08/2021–01/2022: All Participating Agencies adopt plan
 - 09/2021: Jeffco BCC formally adopts the AHMAC into resolution under BCC Boards & Commissions
 - 01/2022: FEMA approved Plan
 - TODAY: All-Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee (AHMAC) Kick-Of
- CO Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management Mitigation Office
 - State Mitigation Officer, Mark Thompson
- Mitigation Interface Day-to-Day
 - Jeffco Planning & Zoning Director, Chris O’Keefe discussed example of mitigation day-to-day
 - Land use development
 - Comprehensive Plans
 - Regulations
 - floodplain management
 - Building Codes
 - Public outreach
 - Infrastructure Plans and Projects (Roads, Bridges, Stormwater etc.)
 - Cyber Security
 - Disease Prevention

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- Purpose & Scope of the AHMAC
 - Provide the official forum in support of partnerships between government entities, public, and private organizations, and individuals with a shared interest in decreasing the vulnerability of the citizens, governments, businesses and institutions of Jefferson County from the future human, economic and environmental costs of natural, technological, and human caused disasters.
 - Serves all HMP participating organizations and the public in support of the coordinating of: identified mitigation programs project and activities, programmatic awareness, training, staffing for related sub-committees, and is the primary forum for exchanging information and mobilizing mitigation expertise and resources in the community.
 - Helps collect and disseminate information, grant opportunities, and policies relevant to the community
 - The official coordinating and facilitating body for all hazard mitigation within the County.
 - Supports the Hazard Mitigation Plan update, within its five year cycle

- What's next?
 - The Committee agreed to meeting quarterly in 2022 to develop the business framework of the AHMAC
 - In-person meetings
 - Development of By-laws
 - Project tracking & prioritization
 - What sub-Committee/s are needed
 - Chair nominations are being accepted via em@jeffco.us
 - Suggested guest for a future meeting – Colorado Resiliency Office

- Hazard Mitigation Plan Projects Overview
 - Currently 137 projects listed in the Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Project Updates
 - Discussed completed projects
 - Development & Formalization of a standing Local Hazard Mitigation Committee
 - NWS Storm Ready Program
 - National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and Community Rating System (CRS) participation – on-going
 - Examples of projects currently in-development
 - Update County Wildfire Protection Plan
 - One-stop Webpage on reducing wildfire risk in Jeffco

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- Jefferson Conservation District – submitted BRIC 2021
- City of Arvada – Acquisition Study
- Jefferson County – Property acquisition in a floodplain
- City of Lakewood – Climate & Social Vulnerability Study
- Arvada Fire District – Fuel Mitigation
- West Metro – Fuel Mitigation

- Public Comment
 - No public comment

- Adjourn

References for today's meeting:

[Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Plan web page](#)

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