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County of Orange, Orange County Fire Authority Invite Public Comment on 2026 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Santa Ana, Calif. (July 13, 2026) – The County of Orange and Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) invite residents to provide their feedback on a draft of the County's 2026 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The public comment period will open August 3, 2026, and will remain open through August 17, 2026.

This plan is updated every five years and is required to maintain eligibility for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants. The plan analyzes risk from natural hazards (e.g., wildfires, earthquakes, flooding) in the County's unincorporated areas, identifies regional mitigation capabilities and outlines a strategy to reduce that risk.

Community members can review the draft plan by visiting the project website:
<https://arcg.is/ffvPj1>.

Creation of the plan was a collaborative effort among County departments, community-based organizations, technical experts, and State and Federal agencies. The plan includes a risk assessment, profiles relevant hazards and their potential consequences, identifies assets that are subject to losses or damage, and estimates the potential losses that could result from each type of hazard. The plan also identifies a prioritized list of actions designed to reduce losses and increase community resilience.

Public Information Meetings

Two public information meetings will take place on August 5, 2026, to present the findings of the plan, outline the mitigation strategy and answer questions from the public. Community members who live in unincorporated Orange County are encouraged to attend one of the meetings to ask questions about natural hazards in their area, such as wildfires, floods, and earthquakes.

August 5, 2026 Public Information Meetings

County Conference Center
Room 101
601 N. Ross St.
Santa Ana, CA 92701
1 - 2 p.m.

Library of the Canyons
7531 Santiago Canyon Road
Silverado, CA 92676
6 - 7 p.m.

Parking information:

- County Conference Center: Parking validation will be provided for attendees.



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- Library of the Canyons: Free onsite public parking is available.

Virtual Hazard Mitigation Working Group Meeting

Community members who wish to offer feedback and are unable to attend the public information meetings may join a virtual meeting of the Hazard Mitigation Working Group. The Working Group is composed of County departments, subject-matter experts and interested community members, and has guided the planning process since the project kicked off in April 2026. The next Working Group meeting will take place on July 22, 2026, from 1 - 2 p.m. Interested participants may register here: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/3c2a62a0-f62d-4947-9a56-de6d65f64dc3@a40fe4ba-abc7-48fe-8792-b43889936400>.

For more information about the LHMP update, future workshops and meetings, and hazards in unincorporated Orange County, please visit the LHMP StoryMap: <https://arcg.is/ffvPj1>.

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