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## **DRAFT HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW**

Santa Cruz County, in partnership with local cities and special districts, has released a draft update of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) for public review and comment. The MJHMP is a comprehensive roadmap for reducing risks from natural hazards, including floods, wildfires, earthquakes, coastal hazards, drought, and landslides.

The updated plan reflects lessons learned from recent disaster events, new climate science, and local development trends. Its purpose is twofold:

- To identify strategies that protect residents, neighborhoods, and infrastructure from repetitive disaster damage.
- To maintain eligibility for federal funding through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs

Public participation is essential to ensuring the plan reflects the needs and priorities of all Santa Cruz County communities. By sharing your perspective, you can help shape strategies that make neighborhoods safer, protect local businesses, and strengthen our ability to recover from future disasters. Your feedback will directly influence how we prepare for, respond to, and reduce risks from natural hazards.

The deadline to provide input is October 20. The draft plan is available online at:  
<https://mitigatehazards.com/santacruzmjhmp/santacruzmjhmp-public-draft/>

The MJHMP represents a collaborative effort among the County of Santa Cruz, the Cities of Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville, as well as local partners including Soquel Creek Water District, Scotts Valley Water District, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County, Santa Cruz Port District, and Cabrillo College.