

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES
RESOLUTION 2022 – 06**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Rio Communities recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to the residents and their property that live within the the City of Rio Communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the County of Valencia has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the Valencia County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and
- WHEREAS,** the County of Valencia Muti-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan dated September 17, 2021, identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property within the City of Rio Communities from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and
- WHEREAS,** adoption by the Governing Body for the City of Rio Communities demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Valencia County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan dated September 17, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body for the City of Rio Communities does hereby Accept, Adopts and Approves the Valencia County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan dated September 17, 2021

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF MARCH 2022 BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES, NEW MEXICO.

City of Rio Communities Governing Body

Joshua Ramsell, Mayor

Margaret R. Gutjahr, Mayor Pro-tem

Arthur Apodaca, Councilor

Lawrence R. Gordon, Councilor

Jimmie Winters, Councilor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth F. Adair, Municipal Clerk

Valencia County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Natural hazards have the potential to cause property damage, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety. Hazard mitigation measures are the things we do today to be more protected in the future. They are actions taken before a disaster happens to reduce the impact of future hazard events on people and property in the community. Mitigation reduces the risk of loss and creates a more resilient and sustainable community.

Project Overview

Valencia County in coordination with their participating municipal jurisdictions updated its **hazard mitigation plan**. The Hazard Mitigation Plan will identify local policies and actions for reducing risk and future losses from natural hazards such as floods, severe storms, wildfires, and winter weather.

The plan will also serve to meet key federal planning regulations which require local governments to develop a hazard mitigation plan as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for hazard mitigation projects.

These requirements stem from the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 which was passed by the President in October of 2000. This Act mandates that all states and local governments must have hazard mitigation plans in place in order to be eligible to apply for funding under such programs as the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program.

The Planning Process

The planning process for the Hazard Mitigation Plan will consist of the six main phases described in detail in the following sections: **public outreach, risk assessment, capability assessment, mitigation strategy development, plan maintenance, and plan adoption**.

Public Outreach



The goals of the public outreach strategy for this planning effort were to and continue to: generate public interest, solicit citizen input, and engage additional partners in the planning process.

Below is a link to our web-based public participation survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JT2MWFL>

For updates and information shared through social media, such as on Facebook The Valencia County Office of Emergency Management Page.

Risk Assessment

The desired outcomes of a risk assessment are an evaluation of each identified hazard's potential impacts on the people, economy, and built and natural environments in the planning area plus an understanding of each participating jurisdiction's overall vulnerability and most significant risks. These potential impacts and a thorough understanding of the overall vulnerability can be used to create problem statements and identify mitigation actions to reduce risk.

Capability Assessment

Each participating jurisdiction has a unique set of capabilities, including authorities, policies, programs, staff, funding, and other resources available to accomplish mitigation and reduce long-term vulnerability. By reviewing the existing capabilities in each jurisdiction, the planning team can identify capabilities that currently reduce disaster losses or could be used to reduce losses in the future.

Mitigation Strategy Development

The primary purpose of mitigation planning is to systematically identify policies, actions, and activities to reduce the impact that future natural hazard occurrences will have on people and property in the planning area. Mitigation strategy development includes long-range mitigation goals common to the planning area and short-term mitigation actions specific to each participating jurisdiction.

Plan Maintenance

Plan maintenance is the process established to track the plan's implementation and to aid in updating the plan every five years. These procedures help to ensure that the mitigation strategy is implemented according to the plan. They also provide the foundation for an ongoing mitigation program, standardize long-term monitoring of hazard-related activities, integrate mitigation principles into local officials' daily job responsibilities, and maintain momentum through continued engagement and accountability in the plan's progress.

Plan Adoption

Each participating jurisdiction seeking plan approval must adopt the plan. Adoption by the local governing body demonstrates the community's commitment to implementing the mitigation strategy and authorizes responsible agencies to execute their actions. **The final plan is not approved until the community adopts the plan and FEMA receives documentation of formal adoption by the governing body of the jurisdictions requesting approval.**

Project Leadership

This regional planning effort is being led by the Valencia County Office of Emergency Management, with technical assistance from AECOM. A Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee made up of local officials, representatives, and stakeholders have been established to guide this process. In addition, local points of contact have been established for each of the counties as well as the participating municipal jurisdictions.

For More Information

To learn more about this project, or to find out how you can be involved, please contact Sarah Gillen, Valencia County Office of Emergency Management, at 505.866.2043 or sarah.gillen@co.valencia.nm.us.

LOCAL MITIGATION PLAN REVIEW TOOL

The *Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool* demonstrates how the Local Mitigation Plan meets the regulation in 44 CFR §201.6 and offers States and FEMA Mitigation Planners an opportunity to provide feedback to the community.

- The [Regulation Checklist](#) provides a summary of FEMA’s evaluation of whether the Plan has addressed all requirements.
- The [Plan Assessment](#) identifies the plan’s strengths as well as documents areas for future improvement.
- The [Multi-jurisdiction Summary Sheet](#) is an optional worksheet that can be used to document how each jurisdiction met the requirements of each Element of the Plan (Planning Process; Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment; Mitigation Strategy; Plan Review, Evaluation, and Implementation; and Plan Adoption).

The FEMA Mitigation Planner must reference this *Local Mitigation Plan Review Guide* when completing the *Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool*.

Jurisdiction: Valencia County Multi-Jurisdictional	Title of Plan: Valencia County Hazard Mitigation Plan	Date of Plan: September 17, 2021
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FEMA Reviewer: Matt Embry Shanene Thomas	Title: Emergency Management Specialist Community Planner	Date: 1/24/2022 2/1/2022
Date Received in FEMA Region 6	January 20, 2022	
Plan Not Approved		
Plan Approvable Pending Adoption	February 7, 2022	
Plan Approved		

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SECTION 1:

REGULATION CHECKLIST

INSTRUCTIONS: The Regulation Checklist must be completed by FEMA. The purpose of the Checklist is to identify the location of relevant or applicable content in the Plan by Element/sub-element and to determine if each requirement has been ‘Met’ or ‘Not Met.’ The ‘Required Revisions’ summary at the bottom of each Element must be completed by FEMA to provide a clear explanation of the revisions that are required for plan approval. Required revisions must be explained for each plan sub-element that is ‘Not Met.’ Sub-elements should be referenced in each summary by using the appropriate numbers (A1, B3, etc.), where applicable. Requirements for each Element and sub-element are described in detail in this *Plan Review Guide* in Section 4, Regulation Checklist.

1. REGULATION CHECKLIST Regulation (44 CFR 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans)	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met	Not Met
<u>ELEMENT A. PLANNING PROCESS</u>			
A1. Does the Plan document the planning process, including how it was prepared and who was involved in the process for each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(1))	Pgs. 6-9; 10- 14 (Table 2.1); 123-139; 143-145; 166- 181; 282-300	X	
A2. Does the Plan document an opportunity for neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, agencies that have the authority to regulate development as well as other interests to be involved in the planning process? (Requirement §201.6(b)(2))	Pgs. 15-17; 48; 72-73; 78; 86; 94; 97; 109; 116; 290-300	X	
A3. Does the Plan document how the public was involved in the planning process during the drafting stage? (Requirement §201.6(b)(1))	Pgs. 15-17; 290-300; Appendix D & E	X	
A4. Does the Plan describe the review and incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information? (Requirement §201.6(b)(3))	Pgs. 8-9; 123-139; 143-145; 166-170	X	
A5. Is there discussion of how the community(ies) will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process? (Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(iii))	Pgs. 169-170	X	
A6. Is there a description of the method and schedule for keeping the plan current (monitoring, evaluating and updating the mitigation plan within a 5-year cycle)? (Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(i))	Pgs. 166-170	X	
<u>ELEMENT A: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>			

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1. REGULATION CHECKLIST Regulation (44 CFR 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans)	Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met	Not Met
<u>ELEMENT B. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT</u>			
B1. Does the Plan include a description of the type, location, and extent of all natural hazards that can affect each jurisdiction(s)? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(i))	Pgs. 18-26; 27-33; 35-39; 48-50; 54-61; 73-75; 78-80; 86-91; 94-95; 98-105; 109-110	X	
B2. Does the Plan include information on previous occurrences of hazard events and on the probability of future hazard events for each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(i))	Pgs. 40-47; 50-53; 61-72; 76-77; 80-84; 91-92; 95-96; 106-107; 114-115	X	
B3. Is there a description of each identified hazard’s impact on the community as well as an overall summary of the community’s vulnerability for each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(ii))	Pgs. 47-48; 54; 72-73; 77-78; 85-86; 92-94; 96-97; 107-109; 115-117	X	
B4. Does the Plan address NFIP insured structures within the jurisdiction that have been repetitively damaged by floods? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(ii))	Pgs. 107	X	
<u>ELEMENT B: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>			

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<u>ELEMENT C. MITIGATION STRATEGY</u>			
C1. Does the plan document each jurisdiction’s existing authorities, policies, programs and resources and its ability to expand on and improve these existing policies and programs? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3))	Pgs. 123-139 (6.4.1 addresses expansion)	X	
C2. Does the Plan address each jurisdiction’s participation in the NFIP and continued compliance with NFIP requirements, as appropriate? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(ii))	Pgs. 129-132	X	
C3. Does the Plan include goals to reduce/avoid long-term vulnerabilities to the identified hazards? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(i))	Pgs. 142	X	
C4. Does the Plan identify and analyze a comprehensive range of specific mitigation actions and projects for each jurisdiction being considered to reduce the effects of hazards, with emphasis on new and existing buildings and infrastructure? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(ii))	Pgs. 148-165	X	
C5. Does the Plan contain an action plan that describes how the actions identified will be prioritized (including cost benefit review), implemented, and administered by each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(iv)); (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(iii))	Pgs. 141-142	X	
C6. Does the Plan describe a process by which local governments will integrate the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms, such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, when appropriate? (Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(ii))	Pgs. 128-138; 140-141; 143	X	
<u>ELEMENT C: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>			

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ELEMENT D. PLAN REVIEW, EVALUATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION (applicable to plan updates only)			
D1. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in development? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	Pg. 123	X	
D2. Was the plan revised to reflect progress in local mitigation efforts? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	Pgs. 141-147	X	
D3. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in priorities? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	Pg. 141	X	
<u>ELEMENT D: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>			
<u>ELEMENT E. PLAN ADOPTION</u>			
E1. Does the Plan include documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval? (Requirement §201.6(c)(5))	N/A		X
E2. For multi-jurisdictional plans, has each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan documented formal plan adoption? (Requirement §201.6(c)(5))	N/A		X
<u>ELEMENT E: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u> For each participating jurisdiction, the plan must include adoption documentation to obtain plan approval.			
OPTIONAL: HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL DAM RISKS			
HHPD1. Did Element A4 (planning process) describe the incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information for high hazard potential dams?			
HHPD2. Did Element B3 (risk assessment) address HHPDs?			
HHPD3. Did Element C3 (mitigation goals) include mitigation goals to reduce long-term vulnerabilities from high hazard potential dams that pose an unacceptable risk to the public?			
HHPD4. Did Element C4-C5 (mitigation actions) address HHPDs prioritize mitigation actions to reduce vulnerabilities from high hazard potential dams that pose an unacceptable risk to the public?			
<u>REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>			
<u>ELEMENT F. ADDITIONAL STATE REQUIREMENTS</u> (optional for State reviewers only; not to be completed by FEMA)			
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<u>ELEMENT F: REQUIRED REVISION</u>			

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SECTION 2:

PLAN ASSESSMENT

INSTRUCTIONS: The purpose of the Plan Assessment is to offer the local community more comprehensive feedback to the community on the quality and utility of the plan in a narrative format. The audience for the Plan Assessment is not only the plan developer/local community planner, but also elected officials, local departments and agencies, and others involved in implementing the Local Mitigation Plan. The Plan Assessment must be completed by FEMA. The Assessment is an opportunity for FEMA to provide feedback and information to the community on: 1) suggested improvements to the Plan; 2) specific sections in the Plan where the community has gone above and beyond minimum requirements; 3) recommendations for plan implementation; and 4) ongoing partnership(s) and information on other FEMA programs, specifically RiskMAP and Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs. The Plan Assessment is divided into two sections:

1. Plan Strengths and Opportunities for Improvement
2. Resources for Implementing Your Approved Plan

Plan Strengths and Opportunities for Improvement is organized according to the plan Elements listed in the Regulation Checklist. Each Element includes a series of italicized bulleted items that are suggested topics for consideration while evaluating plans, but it is not intended to be a comprehensive list. FEMA Mitigation Planners are not required to answer each bullet item, and should use them as a guide to paraphrase their own written assessment (2-3 sentences) of each Element.

The Plan Assessment must not reiterate the required revisions from the Regulation Checklist or be regulatory in nature, and should be open-ended and to provide the community with suggestions for improvements or recommended revisions. The recommended revisions are suggestions for improvement and are not required to be made for the Plan to meet Federal regulatory requirements. The italicized text should be deleted once FEMA has added comments regarding strengths of the plan and potential improvements for future plan revisions. It is recommended that the Plan Assessment be a short synopsis of the overall strengths and weaknesses of the Plan (no longer than two pages), rather than a complete recap section by section.

Resources for Implementing Your Approved Plan provides a place for FEMA to offer information, data sources and general suggestions on the overall plan implementation and maintenance process. Information on other possible sources of assistance including, but not limited to, existing publications, grant funding or training opportunities, can be provided. States may add state and local resources, if available.

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A. Plan Strengths and Opportunities for Improvement

This section provides a discussion of the strengths of the plan document and identifies areas where these could be improved beyond minimum requirements.

Element A: Planning Process

How does the Plan go above and beyond minimum requirements to document the planning process with respect to:

- Involvement of stakeholders (elected officials/decision makers, plan implementers, business owners, academic institutions, utility companies, water/sanitation districts, etc.);
- Involvement of Planning, Emergency Management, Public Works Departments or other planning agencies (i.e., regional planning councils);
- Diverse methods of participation (meetings, surveys, online, etc.); and
- Reflective of an open and inclusive public involvement process.

Element B: Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

In addition to the requirements listed in the Regulation Checklist, 44 CFR 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans identifies additional elements that should be included as part of a plan's risk assessment. The plan should describe vulnerability in terms of:

- 1) A general description of land uses and future development trends within the community so that mitigation options can be considered in future land use decisions;
- 2) The types and numbers of existing and future buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities located in the identified hazard areas; and
- 3) A description of potential dollar losses to vulnerable structures, and a description of the methodology used to prepare the estimate.

How does the Plan go above and beyond minimum requirements to document the Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment with respect to:

- Use of best available data (flood maps, HAZUS, flood studies) to describe significant hazards;
- Communication of risk on people, property, and infrastructure to the public (through tables, charts, maps, photos, etc.);
- Incorporation of techniques and methodologies to estimate dollar losses to vulnerable structures;

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- Incorporation of Risk MAP products (i.e., depth grids, Flood Risk Report, Changes Since Last FIRM, Areas of Mitigation Interest, etc.); and
- Identification of any data gaps that can be filled as new data became available.

Element C: Mitigation Strategy

How does the Plan go above and beyond minimum requirements to document the Mitigation Strategy with respect to:

- Key problems identified in, and linkages to, the vulnerability assessment;
- Serving as a blueprint for reducing potential losses identified in the Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment;
- Plan content flow from the risk assessment (problem identification) to goal setting to mitigation action development;
- An understanding of mitigation principles (diversity of actions that include structural projects, preventative measures, outreach activities, property protection measures, post-disaster actions, etc);
- Specific mitigation actions for each participating jurisdictions that reflects their unique risks and capabilities;
- Integration of mitigation actions with existing local authorities, policies, programs, and resources; and
- Discussion of existing programs (including the NFIP), plans, and policies that could be used to implement mitigation, as well as document past projects.

Element D: Plan Update, Evaluation, and Implementation (Plan Updates Only)

How does the Plan go above and beyond minimum requirements to document the 5-year Evaluation and Implementation measures with respect to:

- Status of previously recommended mitigation actions;
- Identification of barriers or obstacles to successful implementation or completion of mitigation actions, along with possible solutions for overcoming risk;
- Documentation of annual reviews and committee involvement;
- Identification of a lead person to take ownership of, and champion the Plan;
- Reducing risks from natural hazards and serving as a guide for decisions makers as they commit resources to reducing the effects of natural hazards;
- An approach to evaluating future conditions (i.e. socio-economic, environmental, demographic, change in built environment etc.);
- Discussion of how changing conditions and opportunities could impact community resilience in the long term; and
- Discussion of how the mitigation goals and actions support the long-term community vision for increased resilience.

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B. Resources for Implementing Your Approved Plan

This section provides examples of possible resources plan implementation.

Ideas may be offered on moving the mitigation plan forward and continuing the relationship with key mitigation stakeholders such as the following:

- What FEMA assistance (funding) programs are available (for example, Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA)) to the jurisdiction(s) to assist with implementing the mitigation actions?
- What other Federal programs (National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Community Rating System (CRS), Risk MAP, etc.) may provide assistance for mitigation activities?
- What publications, technical guidance or other resources are available to the jurisdiction(s) relevant to the identified mitigation actions?
- Are there upcoming trainings/workshops (Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA), HMA, etc.) to assist the jurisdictions(s)?
- What mitigation actions can be funded by other Federal agencies (for example, U.S. Forest Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Smart Growth, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities, etc.) and/or state and local agencies?

FEMA Mitigation grants are available to eligible applicants. Search [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for additional resources for implementing mitigation actions.

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SECTION 3:

MULTI-JURISDICTION SUMMARY SHEET (OPTIONAL)

INSTRUCTIONS: For multi-jurisdictional plans, a Multi-jurisdiction Summary Spreadsheet may be completed by listing each participating jurisdiction, which required Elements for each jurisdiction were 'Met' or 'Not Met,' and when the adoption resolutions were received. This Summary Sheet does not imply that a mini-plan be developed for each jurisdiction; it should be used as an optional worksheet to ensure that each jurisdiction participating in the Plan has been documented and has met the requirements for those Elements (A through E).

MULTI-JURISDICTION SUMMARY SHEET												
#	Jurisdiction Name	Jurisdiction Type (city/borough/ township/ village, etc.)	Plan POC	Mailing Address	Email	Phone	Requirements Met (Y/N)					
							A. Planning Process	B. Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment	C. Mitigation Strategy	D. Plan Review, Evaluation & Implementation	E. Plan Adoption	F. State Require- ments
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