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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE CITY OF TRACY’S LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Public encouraged to complete online survey and participate in workshop scheduled February 12, 2019, 7-9 PM at City Hall

Tracy, Calif. – The City of Tracy has launched a planning effort to assess risks from natural and human-caused hazards and to identify ways to reduce those risks. The planning process will result in the preparation of the City’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The preparation of a LHMP is required under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to be eligible to receive federal disaster assistance and funding.

Most people who live and work in the City of Tracy are vulnerable to a wide range of natural hazards, including dam/levee failure, drought, earthquakes, flooding, severe weather, extreme heat, and wildfires. The community may also be exposed to potential human-caused hazards associated with facilities and infrastructure that contain hazardous materials. The LHMP will provide the City with valuable tools to identify risks and mitigate hazards through future project-specific actions. The LHMP will assess the effects of climate change on natural hazards assessed in the plan, and will incorporate climate adaptation strategies. The plan will also support the City’s participation in the National Flood Insurance Program and include recommendations to improve the City’s floodplain management policies and regulations.

The City will be hosting a Public Workshop on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Public Workshop will be an opportunity to learn more about the planning process and the natural and human-caused hazards that will be assessed in the LHMP. Following the Public Workshop, there will be an opportunity for the public to comment on the Draft LHMP, which is anticipated to be available for public review by April 2019.

The City recognizes that our community is source of tremendous creativity and public input will produce better planning decisions. All are encouraged to participate in the planning process and provide feedback by attending the Public Workshop, completing the Online Survey, visiting the City’s webpage, and commenting on the Draft LHMP. Information on how to participate is provided below:

- Public Workshop – Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at City Hall (Council Chambers, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy).
- Online Public Survey – deadline has been extended to February 20, 2019.
  - English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TracyHMP
  - Español: https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/Plan_Tracy

  The results will be used to help the City better understand the following: perception of natural hazards and risks, hazards with the most concern, best communication methods, level of public support for mitigation actions and willingness to invest in hazard mitigation.

Additional information on the planning process and documents prepared to date can be found on the City’s LHMP Webpage: https://www.ci.tracy.ca.us/?navid=9460. Questions may be directed to Karin Schnaider, Project Manager by calling (209) 831-6841 or by email at kschnaider@cityoftracy.org.