

KENDALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA REQUEST

COMMISSIONER COURT DATE:	7/26/2016
OPEN SESSION	

SUBJECT	Hazard Mitigation Plan
DEPARTMENT & PERSON MAKING REQUEST	Jeffery Fincke, EMC
PHONE # OR EXTENSION #	830 249-9343 ext. 451
TIME NEEDED FOR PRESENTATION	Workshop
WORDING OF AGENDA ITEM	(2:00 p.m.) Hazard Mitigation Plan Strategy Workshop for team members (5:00 p.m.) Hazard Mitigation Plan Strategy Workshop for public participation
REASON FOR AGENDA ITEM	The goal of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from natural hazards by identifying and implementing cost-effective mitigation actions. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) defines Mitigation as sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects. The natural hazards included in the Plan are dam failure, drought, extreme heat, flood, hurricane wind, thunderstorm wind, tornado, wildfire, hail, and winter storm.
IS THERE DOCUMENTATION	Yes
WHO WILL THIS AFFECT?	Countywide
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	None





Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meeting on July 26, 2016

Kendall County and the City of Boerne will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, July 26th to gather public input for a County-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan. The meeting is from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Kendall County Courthouse, Commissioners Court Room 3rd Floor; 201 East San Antonio, Boerne 78006. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide a project overview from H_2O Partners, Inc., consultant to the project, and solicit information from citizens. Public input will help the project team to identify and analyze potential hazards affecting residents and recommend possible actions to reduce their impact. Hazards included are dam failure, drought, extreme heat, flood, hurricane wind, thunderstorm wind, tornado, wildfire, and winter storm.

If you cannot attend the public meeting, information about the planning process and a public participation survey is available at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KendallCountyHMAP.

The goal of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards by identifying and implementing cost-effective mitigation actions. Mitigation is defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects.

Questions about the Hazard Mitigation Plan should be addressed to H₂O Partners, Inc., planning consultants for Kendall County; Attn: Heather Ferrara, Project Manager by email at heather@h2opartnersusa.com.





Kendall County Hazard Mitigation Plan Project Overview

Kendall County and the City of Boerne are developing a **Hazard Mitigation Action Plan ("Plan" or "HMAP")** that will address natural hazards that affect their area. This Plan will be prepared as a new, stand-alone plan, reflecting conditions that have had an impact area-wide.

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Public and stakeholder participation is integral to mitigation planning; as such the public and stakeholders will be invited to attend meetings through the Kendall County website, social media, flyers, and newspapers to solicit input, participation and feedback. In addition, they may participate and provide feedback by completing a public survey that is available online. The website is:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KendallCountyHMAP

Following FEMA approval of the Plan, participating entities are eligible for certain Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant funding to implement pre- and post-disaster project initiatives, and reduce response and recovery time following a natural disaster.

Please direct any questions regarding the Plan to Heather Ferrara, Project Manager for H2O Partners, at heather@h2opartnersusa.com.

