



City of San Marcos

City Council Work Session

March 19, 2024



Item XX

Consider a resolution approving the 2024 single jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.



- The City of San Marcos Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is a document that identifies hazards that the community faces.
- The plan mainly focuses on natural threats to the community.
- The hazards are ranked, and historical incidents are documented within the plan.
- The HMP documents past mitigation efforts that the city has undertaken to lessen the impact of natural disasters.



- The HMP provides a list of mitigation actions provided by the planning team that could be undertaken for each hazard.
- The City's HMP is unique because it also addresses climate change and lessening the City's carbon footprint by listing mitigation actions to address them.

NOTE: THE CITY IS NOT BOUND BY LAW OR REGULATION TO UNDERTAKE THESE ACTIONS.



- The HPM is simply a “wish list” of mitigation actions that could be undertaken, if funding became available via federal grants.
- An up-to-date HMP is required to apply for and obtain federal grant funding.

Progress to date



- **2003-2006**— Hays County originally developed their multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), which included the City of San Marcos as an annex to the plan.
- **2011, 2016-2018**— Hays County updated the HMP per the five-year timeline required by FEMA.
- **2018**— The Hays County HMP was approved by FEMA and the City of San Marcos began the process of updating a stand alone HMP for the city.
- **2023**— The Hays County HMP has expired, and updates are currently ongoing. The renewal date with FEMA is pending.

Progress to date



- **2 February 2023**— After identifying funding with the CDBG-MIT program and an RFP process a contract was signed with H2O Partners to write the City of San Marcos' Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- **9 March 2023**— The kickoff workshop between H2O Partners and the city's planning team for this project was conducted. The team identified the City's current capabilities to respond to hazards. A public meeting regarding the plan was held the same day at the San Marcos Activity Center.

Progress to date



- **10 May 2023**— The risk assessment workshop was conducted with H2O partners and the planning team. Within this meeting the hazards that the city faces were identified, assessed, and the results of these hazards were discussed. A second public meeting was held at the San Marcos Activity Center.
- **12 July 2023**— The mitigation strategy workshop was conducted with H2O Partners and the planning team and specific mitigation actions were identified for each hazard. A third public meeting was held at the San Marcos Activity Center.

Progress to date



- **31 October**— The planning team received the draft version of the HMP for review.
- **30 November**— The draft plan was presented to both Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for approval.
- **20 February 2024**—The HMP has been approved by FEMA.



Next steps

- **Adoption**—The San Marcos City Council must pass a resolution adopting the HMP.
- **Finalization of the Plan**—Once the resolution is passed, both the HMP and resolution documents will be returned to TDEM who will, in turn, submit them to FEMA for final filing.



Questions?