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## City of Watsonville – 2020 Local Risk & Hazard Mitigation Plan Planning Committee Meeting #1

# MEETING MINUTES

**Name of Meeting:** Planning Committee Meeting #1  
**Date of Meeting:** October 14, 2019  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Civic Plaza – Community Room A, located at 275 Main St, 4th Floor  
**Subject:** LHMP Kick-Off, Study Area, and Hazards of Concern Identification

### Attendees:

NAME	COMPANY/AGENCY	TITLE	CITY STAFF	RESIDENT/STAKEHOLDER
Austin Robey	City of Watsonville (Innovation and Technology)	GIS Coordinator	X	
Holly Browne	Resident			X
Jonathan Pilch	Watsonville Wetlands Watch	Executive Director		X
Harry Durbin	City of Watsonville (Public Works & Utilities)	Senior Engineer	X	
Judy Vasquez-Varela	Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services	Operations Manager		X
Justin Meek	City of Watsonville (Community Development)	Principal Planner	X	
Rob Allen	City of Watsonville (Community Development)	Chief Building Official	X	
Christopher Gregorio	City of Watsonville (Public Works & Utilities)	CRS Coordinator	X	
Ruth Gonzales	Pajaro Valley Unified School District	Manager of Risk and Safety		X
Jackie McCloud	City of Watsonville (Public Works & Utilities)	Floodplain Manager	X	
Tom Sims	City of Watsonville Police Department	Assistance Chief	X	

Amy Cebada	City of Watsonville (Public Works & Utilities)	Community & Environmental Outreach Coordinator	X	
Antonella Gentile	County of Santa Cruz (Public Works)	Floodplain Administrator		X
Ivan Carmona	City of Watsonville (Community Development)	Planner	X	
Tom Avila	City of Watsonville (Fire Department)	Division Chief	X	

**Distribution:** Public Notice posted at Civic Center, Website, and Facebook

**Date issued:** November 14, 2019

**Purpose of Meeting:** LHMP Process, Public Involvement, NFIP and CRS, Study Area and Hazards of Concern Identification

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
1.	William welcomed everyone and conducted introductions. There were 2 people from the general public that attended the meeting	William
2.	Carl went over the ground rules and the planning team lead was elected. Justin from Watsonville Planning Department was elected the chair for the planning group and Rob Allen, Chief Building Official was elected vice-chair.	Carl
3.	Wendy went over the planning process, hazard and risk assessment, mitigation actions, and the monitoring, updating and evaluation of the plan. Carl went over NFIP, CRS and how it works, and the benefits for the public to attend which includes lower flood insurance. The benefits of having the LHMP which will allow the city to apply for Federal/State grants, allows that citizens to be aware of the hazards.	Carl
4.	Carl discussed the maps that were provided	Carl
5.	Wendy handed out the hazard ranking sheet and explained how this worked and what they needed to do	Wendy
6.	Bill and Wendy took out the State Hazard Mitigation Plan – Hazards identified, portion of the general plan, the County of Santa Cruz LHMP, Watsonville Climate Action plan, the County of Santa Cruz Water Plan and other technical documents for review by the planning committee	Bill and Wendy
7.	Planning team discussed their rankings and added other hazards that they might not of thought about	Carl, Bill, and Wendy
8	Carl, Bill and Wendy thanked everyone and meeting was adjourned	Carl, Bill and Wendy

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Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM