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## **FEMA Hazard Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan Public Meeting Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

Nueces County will hold a public meeting on January 31, 2023, to gather input for a FEMA Hazard Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan. The meeting will be held virtually via Teams Meeting from 10:00-10:30 a.m. The public, area businesses and organizations located throughout Nueces County and surrounding jurisdictions are invited and encouraged to attend.

### **Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

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Meeting ID: 246 098 732 232

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Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires communities or agencies to develop a mitigation plan to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards. Mitigation is defined by FEMA as sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects. Hazards that may pose risk and potentially result in disaster include drought, flood, hurricane, tornado, wildfire, and other high hazards.

With a FEMA-approved Plan, Nueces County, including participating jurisdictions of Agua Dulce, Banquete ISD, Bishop, Corpus Christi, Driscoll, Petronila, Port Aransas, Robstown, Nueces Country Drainage District No. 2, Nueces County Water Control & Improvement District No. 3, and Nueces County Water Control & Improvement District No. 4 will be eligible to apply for grant funding opportunities under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) program to fund critical projects such as backup generators, drainage projects, and hardening critical facilities to minimize future damage from natural disasters that affect the County's planning area.

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide a project overview from LAN, consultant to the project, and solicit information from citizens. Public input will help the Planning Team to identify and analyze potential hazards affecting residents and recommend possible actions to reduce their impact throughout the Nueces County planning area.

The planning process is as important as the plan itself. Any successful planning activity, such as developing a comprehensive plan or local land use plan, involves a cross-section of stakeholders and the public to reach consensus on desired outcomes or to resolve a community problem. The result is a common set of community values and widespread support for directing financial, technical, and human resources to an agreed upon course of action, usually identified in a plan. The same is true for mitigation planning. An effective and open planning process helps ensure that citizens understand risks and vulnerability, and they can work with the jurisdiction to support policies, actions, and tools that over the long-term will lead to a reduction in future losses. Leadership, staffing, and in-house knowledge may fluctuate over time. Therefore, the description of the planning process serves as a permanent record that explains how decisions were reached and who involved.

Detailed information about the planning process can be obtained by contacting Laura Casset, LAN Consultant Project Manager, at 512-338-2770 or [LMCasett@lan-inc.com](mailto:LMCasett@lan-inc.com)