

SECTION 1: JURISDICTIONAL ADOPTION AND FEMA APPROVAL

Requirement §201.6(c)(5): *[The local hazard mitigation plan shall include...] Documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan (e.g., City Council, County Commissioner, Tribal Council). For multi-jurisdictional plans, each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan must document that it has been formally adopted.*

Requirement §201.6(d)(3): *A local jurisdiction must review and revise its plan to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities, and resubmit it for approval within five (5) years in order to continue to be eligible for mitigation project grant funding.*

1.1 DMA 2000 Requirements

1.1.1 General Requirements

The Maricopa County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan) has been prepared in compliance with Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 (Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5165, as amended by Section 104 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) Public Law 106-390 enacted October 30, 2000. The regulations governing the mitigation planning requirements for local mitigation plans are published under the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 44, Section 201.6 (44 CFR §201.6). Additionally, a DMA 2000 compliant plan that addresses flooding will also meet the minimum planning requirements for the Flood Mitigation Assistance program as provided for under 44 CFR §78.

DMA 2000 provides requirements for States, Tribes, and local governments to undertake a risk-based approach to reducing risks to natural hazards through mitigation planning¹. The local mitigation plan is the representation of the jurisdiction's commitment to reduce risks from natural hazards, serving as a guide for decision makers as they commit resources to reducing the effects of natural hazards. Local plans will also serve as the basis for the State to provide technical assistance and to prioritize project funding.

Under 44 CFR §201.6, local governments must have a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-approved local mitigation plan in order to apply for and/or receive project grants under the following hazard mitigation assistance programs:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL)

FEMA, at its discretion, may also require a local mitigation plan under the Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) program as well.

1.1.2 Update Requirements

DMA 2000 requires that existing plans be updated every five years, with each plan cycle requiring a complete review, revision, and re-approval of the plan at both the state and FEMA level. Maricopa County, the incorporated communities of Avondale, Buckeye, Carefree, Cave Creek, Chandler, El Mirage, Fountain Hills, Gila Bend, Gilbert, Glendale, Goodyear, Guadalupe, Litchfield Park, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Peoria, Phoenix, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, Surprise, Tempe, Tolleson, Wickenburg, and Youngtown, and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community all currently have FEMA approved hazard mitigation plans. The Plan is the result of an update process performed by the Maricopa County jurisdictions to both update and consolidate individual community plans developed in late 2004 and early 2005.

¹ FEMA, 2008, *Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance*

1.2 Official Record of Adoption

Promulgation of the Plan is accomplished through formal adoption of official resolutions by the governing body for each participating jurisdiction in accordance with the authority and powers granted to those jurisdictions by the State of Arizona. Participating jurisdictions in the Plan include:

Counties	Tribes	Cities	Towns	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maricopa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation • Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avondale • Chandler • El Mirage • Glendale • Goodyear • Litchfield Park • Mesa • Peoria • Phoenix • Scottsdale • Surprise • Tempe • Tolleson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buckeye • Carefree • Cave Creek • Fountain Hills • Gila Bend • Gilbert • Guadalupe • Paradise Valley • Queen Creek • Wickenburg • Youngtown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salt River Project

Each jurisdiction will keep a copy of their official resolution of adoption located in Appendix A of their copy of the Plan.

1.3 FEMA Approval Letter

The Plan was submitted to the Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM), the authorized state agency, and FEMA for review and approval. FEMA’s approval letter is provided on the following page.

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