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Las Animas County Website Post Agreement

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY – OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



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April 1, 2022

Las Animas County, as the lead jurisdiction and project sponsor of the Las Animas County Hazard Mitigation Plan, agrees to post the approved hazard mitigation plan, with all adoption resolutions and FEMA approval packet, to the Las Animas County website (<https://lasanimascounty.colorado.gov/>) within three months of FEMA plan approval.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kim Chavez'.

Kim Chavez
Las Animas County Emergency Manager

Adoption Resolution Template

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was signed in to law on October 30, 2000, placing new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and requiring communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by Las Animas County, with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the mitigation plan was to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the counties and participating jurisdictions located within the planning boundary by identifying the hazards that affect _____ and prioritize mitigation strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards, and

WHEREAS, FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of _____ in the form of a resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body of _____ does herewith adopt the most recent and FEMA approved version of the Las Animas County Hazard Mitigation Plan in its entirety; and

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

President of Board

ATTEST:

Clerk

Las Animas County Adoption Resolution

Las Animas County



Board of County Commissioners

Felix M. Lopez
Commissioner

Tony C. Hass
Commissioner

Luis A. Lopez II
Commissioner

**A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of
Las Animas County, Colorado
Adopting the Las Animas County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)**

Resolution No. 22-016

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act (FDMA) of 2000, signed in to law on October 30, 2000, placed new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and required communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, Las Animas County, with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc., has prepared a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the county and participating jurisdictions located within the county by identifying the hazards that affect Las Animas County and prioritize mitigation strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards, is for the benefit and safety of the citizens of Las Animas County, and complies with the requirements of the FDMA; and

WHEREAS, FEMA regulations require a resolution formally adopting this plan, by the governing body of Las Animas County, in addition to a request for approval of the plan at the Federal Level.

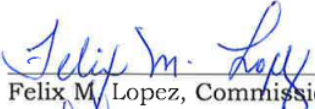
NOW, therefore be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Las Animas County, Colorado that:

1. The attached Las Animas County Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted by the Board; and
2. The Board requests the plan be approved at the Federal Level.

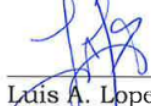
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Upon motion made and seconded and an affirmative vote, this Resolution was adopted this 3rd day of May 2022.


By Order of the Board of County Commissioners of Las Animas County, Colorado



Felix M. Lopez, Commissioner



Luis A. Lopez II, Commissioner



Tony C. Hass, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Patricia M. Vigil, Las Animas County Clerk & Recorder

Town of Starkville Adoption Resolution

RESOLUTION NUMBER #5-22

Las Animas County Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was signed in to law on October 30, 2000, placing new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and requiring communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by Las Animas County, with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the mitigation plan was to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the county and participating jurisdictions located within the county by identifying the hazards that affect Town of Starkville and prioritize mitigation strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards, and

WHEREAS, FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of Town of Starkville in the form of a resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body of Town of Starkville does herewith adopt the most recent and FEMA approved version of the Las Animas County Hazard Mitigation Plan in its entirety; and

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16 day of May, 2022.


President of the Board

ATTEST:

Clerk

Round 1 Meeting Invitation Letters

Participating Jurisdictions



November 9, 2021

RE: Las Animas County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Round 1 Public Meeting

Dear Hazard Mitigation Planning Participant,

Las Animas County is beginning the first phase of the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. As an eligible jurisdiction, you can participate in the plan by attending the upcoming public meeting. Once a community, county, or district (School District, Fire District, etc.) is part of an approved plan, they become eligible for up to a 75% cost share from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a variety of projects listed in the plan. **New FEMA directives state that you must participate directly in the plan to be eligible for this funding.** The plan examines local vulnerabilities to a range of hazards (e.g., flooding, severe winter storms, drought, chemical spills, etc.) and identifies strategies and projects to reduce their impact.

The plan update process will include two rounds of public planning meetings. **FEMA requires at least one representative from your jurisdiction to attend both of the planning meetings.** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be meeting virtually using Zoom, with an option to join online or by phone. The meeting will last 1 to 1.5 hours. One-on-one meetings with JEO staff are available if you are unable to attend the virtual meeting. A recording of the meeting will also be made available on the project website.

Round 1 Public Meeting

Thursday, December 9, 10:00 am MT

Join Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83271032830>

Or by phone: (346) 248-7799; Meeting ID: 832 7103 2830

You can access and download your jurisdiction's worksheets starting Dec 6th by visiting this Google Drive link: <https://bit.ly/Las-Animas-GoogleDrive>. In the meeting we will go over how to fill them out.

Please RSVP to the meeting by contacting Karl Dietrich, JEO Planner, at (402) 742-7213 or kdietrich@jeo.com. For more information about the plan, you can visit the project website at <https://jeo.com/las-animas-hmp>. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to participate, give Karl Dietrich a call to set up a one-on-one meeting.

We are looking forward to seeing you online!

Sincerely,

Karl Dietrich
Project Planner

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Stakeholders



November 9, 2021

RE: Las Animas County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update - Round 1 Public Meeting

Dear Hazard Mitigation Plan Stakeholder,

Las Animas County is beginning the first phase of their Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Once a community or county is part of an approved plan, they become eligible for up to a 75% cost share from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a variety of projects listed in the plan. **You are receiving this letter because you are a potential stakeholder for this planning effort.**

The plan examines local vulnerabilities to a range of hazards (e.g., flooding, severe winter storms, drought, chemical spills, etc.) and identifies strategies and projects to reduce their impact. **As a stakeholder, you are encouraged to provide input during the planning process to ensure identified concerns and mitigation efforts are appropriate and consistent with the needs of the organization you represent.** Your input will be integrated into the larger community profile prepared by your community's local representatives.

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Neighboring Jurisdictions



November 9, 2021

RE: Las Animas County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update - Round 1 Public Meeting

To Whom It May Concern:

This invitation is being sent to inform your county of a planning effort underway by Las Animas County to update their Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), with assistance from JEO Consulting Group. FEMA requires that neighboring communities be notified of this planning effort and are encouraged to attend the public informational meetings.

An HMP is a community-guided document that identifies both vulnerability to natural and manmade hazards, and mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate this vulnerability. Jurisdictions that participate in the development of the HMP become eligible to apply for FEMA hazard mitigation grants.

Neighboring Jurisdictions are encouraged to provide input to the planning process or attend meetings to ensure efforts are regionally appropriate and consistent with others in the region. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be meeting virtually using Zoom, with an option to join online or by phone. The meeting will last 1 to 1.5 hours. A recording of the meeting will also be made available on the project website.

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Round 2 Meeting Invitation Letters Participating Jurisdictions



January 31, 2022

RE: Las Animas County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Round 2 Public Meeting

Dear Hazard Mitigation Planning Participant,

The email is being sent to you on behalf of Kim Chavez, Las Animas County Emergency Manager. Las Animas County has hired JEO Consulting Group to help update the county's 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The county is moving forward with the second phase of updating the HMP. **You are receiving this letter because your jurisdiction's attendance is required in order to continue participation in this planning effort.**

HMPs identify vulnerabilities, and possible impacts and losses within participating jurisdictions to various natural and human-caused hazards. The HMP also identifies projects and strategies aimed at enhancing community resilience and preparedness for specific hazards. The intent of these meetings is to gather and review vital information including updating previous mitigation alternatives, identifying new mitigation alternatives, and reviewing previously collected data.

FEMA requires at least one designated representative from your jurisdiction to participate in the planning process in order to be recognized as a participating jurisdiction. This is the second and last meeting required in this planning process. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we will be meeting virtually using Zoom, with an option to join online or by phone. One-on-one meetings with JEO staff are available if you are unable to attend the virtual meeting. A recording of the meeting will also be made available on the project website.

Round 2 Public Meeting

Wednesday, **March 2nd**, 9:00 – 10:00 am MT

Join Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83530217769>

Or by phone: (346) 248-7799; Meeting ID: 835 3021 7769

You can access and download your jurisdiction's meeting worksheet starting February 28th by visiting this Google Drive link: <https://bit.ly/Las-Animas-GoogleDrive>.

Please RSVP to the meeting by contacting Karl Dietrich, JEO Planner, at (402) 742-7213 or kdietrich@jeo.com. For more information, you can visit the project website at <https://jeo.com/las-animas-hmp>. If you have any questions, please contact JEO or Kim Chavez.

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Public Review Notification Letter Participating Jurisdictions



April 26, 2022

RE: Las Animas County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Public Review and Adoption

Dear Hazard Mitigation Planning Participant:

This letter is being sent to you on behalf of Kim Chavez, Las Animas County Emergency Manager. The Las Animas County Hazard Mitigation Plan has begun its Public Review Period and the current draft is available for review online. You may review the draft at the project website: <https://jeo.com/las-animas-hmp>.

The draft is available for public comment from Wednesday, April 20 to Friday, May 20, 2022. At the end of the Public Review Period, the completed plan will be submitted to the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for final approval. This is your last opportunity to review the plan and submit to JEO any requested changes, prior to its submission to DHSEM and FEMA.

Please carefully review this draft with your local planning team and verify that the information therein is accurate to the best of your knowledge. Please inform JEO as soon as possible should you desire any changes. To request changes, you can mark up a section, scan it, and email it to kdietrich@jeo.com; fax it to (402) 435-4110; or use the comment box on the project website. If JEO does not receive changes from you by Friday, May 20, we will assume that your jurisdiction has reviewed the plan and approves of it as written.

At this time, jurisdictions may also adopt the plan locally. Adoption would apply to the eventual FEMA-approved version of the plan. Attached is an example resolution that you may use or adapt to fit your local needs.

After local adoption and FEMA approval, your jurisdiction will become eligible for FEMA project grant funding to assist with implementation of actions in this plan. The adopted resolution must be returned to JEO Consulting Group for submittal to DHSEM and FEMA. Send a copy of the signed, adopted resolution to JEO Consulting Group via email at kdietrich@jeo.com; fax to (402) 435-4110; or mail to:

JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
Attn: Karl Dietrich
2000 Q Street, Suite 500
Lincoln, Nebraska 68503

Thank you for helping us provide your jurisdiction with an accurate and comprehensive hazard mitigation plan.

Sincerely,

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Karl Dietrich, Project Planner

Encl: Adoption resolution example

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Project Website

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Las Animas County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Project Purpose

Las Animas County is at risk to a wide-range of natural and man-made hazards like tornadoes, floods, winter storms, drought, wildfire, hail, and more. In response to these risks, Las Animas County, in collaboration with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. is seeking to better understand how these hazardous events impact the county in order to increase community resilience to disasters. Las Animas County is updating their Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) with the goal of reducing risk to hazards before they happen.

A hazard mitigation plan is a *community-guided* document that identifies vulnerability to hazards and mitigation projects to reduce or eliminate this vulnerability. Having an approved and updated plan enables your community, county, or jurisdiction to be stronger and more resilient by:

1. Reducing risk and impacts from disasters,
2. Gaining eligibility for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grants, and
3. Building partnerships across the county and the region.

Communities, schools, fire districts, and other jurisdictions within the county are invited to participate in this process by attending meetings and providing information for the plan.

For more information about Las Animas County, please visit their [website](#).

Legend

- Major Roads
- Community Boundaries
- Project Area

Project Area

2022 Las Animas County
Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

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 Date: 9/15/21
 Software: ArcGIS 10.8.1
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