

[[For Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee review – March 6, 2013 meeting]]

## MITIGATION GUIDING PRINCIPLE, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The following guided the Steering Committee and the Planning Partnership in selecting the initiatives contained in this plan:

- **Guiding Principle**—“Through partnerships and careful planning, identify and reduce the vulnerability to natural hazards in order to protect the health, safety, quality of life, environment, and economy of the communities within the Humboldt Operational Area.”
- **Goals**
  - G-1— Protect Health and Safety
  - G-2— Protect Property
  - G-3— Protect the Economy
  - G-4— Protect Quality of Life
  - G-5— Protect Environment
  - G-6— Promote Partnerships in Planning
- **Objectives**—Twelve objectives were identified that would play a key role in the prioritization of actions identified by this plan. These objectives were developed via a facilitated exercise that focused on identifying objectives that met multiple goals. These objectives are illustrated in Table ES-2.

| TABLE ES-2.<br>HUMBOLDT OPERATIONAL AREA HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN OBJECTIVES |  |                                   |
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| Objective Number  | Objective Statement  | Goals for which it can be applied |
| O-1   | Eliminate or minimize disruption of local government operations caused by natural hazards.   | 1, 2, 3, 4                        |
| O-2   | Increase resilience of (or protect and maintain) infrastructure and critical facilities  | 1, 3, 4                           |
| O-3   | Reduce natural hazard-related risks and vulnerability to the populations in the County of Humboldt   | 1, 2, 3, 4                        |
| O-4   | Sustain reliable local emergency operations and facilities during and after a disaster   | 1, 2, 3, 4                        |
| O-5   | Seek to enhance the emergency response capability within the planning area   | 1, 2, 3, 4, 6                     |
| O-6   | Enhance understanding of natural hazards and the risk they pose through public education that emphasizes awareness, preparation, mitigation, response, and recovery alternatives.  | 1, 2, 4, 5                        |
| O-7   | Continually improve understanding of the location and potential impacts of natural hazards that impact the planning area utilizing the best available data and science as it becomes available and share this information with all stakeholders. | 1, 2, 4, 5                        |
| O-8   | Establish a partnership among all levels of government and the business community to improve and implement methods to protect property   | 2, 3, 5, 6                        |

**TABLE ES-2.  
HUMBOLDT OPERATIONAL AREA HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN OBJECTIVES**

| Objective Number | Objective Statement   | Goals for which it can be applied |
|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| O-9              | Develop and implement natural hazard mitigation strategies that reduce losses to wildlife habitat and protect water supply and quality, while also reducing damage to development.  | 2, 3, 4, 5                        |
| O-10             | Integrate hazard identification information and mitigation policies into other planning based processes that direct or impact land uses within the planning area.   | 2, 3, 4, 5                        |
| O-11             | Enhance building codes and their proper implementations so that new construction can withstand the impacts of natural hazards and lessen the impact of that development on the environment's ability to absorb the impact of natural hazards. | 1, 2, 3, 4                        |
| O-12             | Seek to integrate/coordinate all phases of Emergency Management within the planning area.   | 1, 2, 3, 4, 6                     |