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NUECES COUNTY ANNEX P- Hazard Mitigation Commissioners Court Executive Summary

The purpose of this annex is to describe the organization of the local Hazard Mitigation Team, and assigns tasks, and responsibilities for coordinated hazard mitigation planning and implementation activities and actions.

Assumptions

- Exposure to risk from hazards exists whether or not an incident actually occurs.
- The adverse impact of hazards can be directly affected by hazard mitigation actions accomplished prior to occurrence of an emergency situation. Effective post-event mitigation actions can also reduce the risk of repeat disasters.
- Hazard mitigation planning and implementation activities are an on-going program/ process and are an integral and complimentary part of our comprehensive emergency management program.
- Mitigation actions to save lives and reduce damages can be achieved through properly coordinated group efforts. These efforts will require the cooperation of various levels of government and will be enhanced by the involvement and partnership of talented individuals with expertise in varying disciplines from both the public and private sectors.
- The effective, long-term reduction of risks is a goal and responsibility shared by all residents.

Activities by Phases of Emergency Management

Hazard mitigation actions are an on-going process associated with the periods before, during, and after occurrence of an emergency caused by a hazard. The following is a sequenced set of actions that the HMT should take during each period:

Pre-Event Period

- Develop and maintain *Hazard Analysis*.
- Develop and maintain the hazard *Mitigation Action Plan*.
- Apply for grants and loans to conduct studies and implement mitigation projects.
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- Provide vulnerability and risk data for use in community development planning, exercise design, emergency preparedness planning, and floodplain management.

Incident Response Period

- Assist decision makers and emergency responders to understand better the potential impact consequences and emergency response needs by providing detailed vulnerability and risk data for all sectors impacted by the incident.
- Provide assistance in conducting damage assessment operations.
- Conduct surveys in impacted areas and complete HMT Reports.
- Conduct site surveys to evaluate the effectiveness of previously implemented mitigation measures.

Post-Incident Period

- Provide assistance in preparation of request for a state and/or federal disaster declaration by providing detailed incident impact data.
- Provide assistance to state and federal mitigation team activities after a disaster declaration.
- Assist designated Local Applicant's Agent(s) prepare and submit Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application(s), and monitor Public Assistance (PA) projects for inclusion of mitigation components after a state or federal disaster declaration.
- Review Hazard Mitigation Team Reports and update hazard analysis and mitigation action plan.
- Assist designated Local Agent(s) in implementing projects and administer HMGP and other mitigation grant programs.

Organization & Assignment of Responsibilities

General

Hazard mitigation is a function that requires the coordination of a variety of multi-disciplined on-going activities. The County Judge, as the Emergency Management Director, is responsible for the overall emergency management program, and has designated the Nueces County Emergency Management Coordinator who serves as the single manager/coordinator for this function for this jurisdiction.

Task Assignments:

County Judge

The Hazard Mitigation Coordinator (HMC)/EMC

Hazard Mitigation Team members