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GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY AND ITS PLANNING PARTNERS TO UPDATE THE GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

MONTESANO — Grays Harbor County, its jurisdictions, and special purpose districts are embarking on a planning process to prepare for impacts of natural disasters. Responding to federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390), Grays Harbor County Division of Emergency Management will update its 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan, including the existing Jurisdictional Annexes, in an effort to enhance resilience throughout the County.

This planning process is being led by Hannah Cleverly, Deputy Director of Grays Harbor County's Division of Emergency Management, Nick Falley, Grays Harbor County Emergency Management Program Manager, with support from Beverly O'Dea of Bridgeview Consulting, LLC, the hired technical consultant. This project is funded by a planning grant from FEMA. The planning process will take approximately seven to nine months to complete.

During this process, local citizens will be asked to contribute by sharing knowledge of the area's vulnerability to hazards based on past occurrences. Public involvement will be solicited via a multi-media campaign that will include public meetings, web-based information, questionnaires, maps, and updates on the plan's progress via a website. A Hazard Mitigation Planning Team will be comprised of Grays Harbor County representatives and its planning partners and will meet as needed throughout the process. Notice of the date and time of these meetings will be posted on the County's website.

An informational website on the plan and purposes for planning has been established at: [Hazard Mitigation Planning \(graysharbor.us\)](http://graysharbor.us)

This website will serve as the primary means for the public to gain information on the plan and ways that they can participate in the planning process. The public is highly encouraged to provide input on all phases of this plan's development.

Any questions or comments regarding this process are encouraged and should be directed to Deputy Director Hannah Cleverly, Grays Harbor County Emergency Management at 360-249-3911, email: HCleverly@graysharbor.us, or Nick Falley, Grays Harbor Emergency Management Program Manager, email: nfalley@graysharbor.us or to Bev O'Dea, Bridgeview Consulting, LLC at (253) 301-1330 or email: bevodea@bridgeviewconsulting.org.

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