

TWIN RIVERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
McClellan, California

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INFORMATION BULLETIN

**Community Input for Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Risk Management and Facilities staff have completed the districts' Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan will include potentially hazardous or catastrophic events such as major flooding and how the district intends to mitigate or prevent loss of life and destruction of property. Staff will publish this document for public input for a period of ten (10) days and will review all comments in a public setting prior to finalizing the document.

The next board meeting, November 15, 2012 will include discussion and adoption of this plan. Details of this board meeting will be posted on the district's website and copies of the plan are made available on the Facility Services website.

Following is an information outline of the Hazard Mitigation Plan:

**INTRODUCTION**

In 2000, FEMA implemented the Hazard Mitigation Act and published their requirements for all future Hazard Mitigation planning in 2002. In 2003, the State of California implemented the program with guidelines and training sessions. The law requires extensive documentation of the region, the community, the potential hazards, history and plans. The intent of this program is to reduce loss of life and property due to natural disasters.

The Twin Rivers Unified School District began this process last year and is now providing a Hazard Mitigation Plan that is intended to address the hazards and implement the plan for the prevention and lessening of these potential hazards that are in some cases imminent and in other cases possible. While addressing these issues, staff has formulated a number of projects for which Federal, State, local agency and other funding will be requested.

**WHAT IS A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN?**

A Hazard Mitigation Plan is a detailed, heavily researched living document that encompasses the historical weather patterns of the area in which TRUSD is located. This data also includes maps, detail about each threat and values of potential loss. This allows staff to identify the potential hazards and make plans to reduce the impact and respond. It also ensures that the district will have the ability to access federal (FEMA) funds should a disaster occur. Without a board approved and adopted plan, the district would have difficulty in obtaining reconstruction funding on a federal level.

### WHAT HAZARDS ARE WE ADDRESSING?

As you are aware, the majority of hazards for this area are related to flooding. The primary objective of this hazard mitigation plan is to reduce the effect of catastrophic flooding. By upgrading drainage systems, building earthen berms to shed water away, building detention ponds and retention tanks, working with local flood control agencies and others to firm the stream banks and levees, the district will greatly reduce the effects of the next catastrophic flood.

Another objective is that the district establishes as policy, building standards and techniques that will off-set the damages caused by water and flooding by building smarter. Built-up foundations, the use of natural resources to shed water away from schools and buildings and to design better drainage systems that will work more effectively and perhaps implement the use of water retention tanks for excess run-off.

Other hazards are heat, fog, tornados and earthquakes. All of these are addressed in the TRUSD Hazard Mitigation Plan. All of the potential hazards are denoted by priority and a rough estimate of cost to correct is included.

### WHO ELSE IS INVOLVED IN THIS PLAN?

The district will partner with other agencies such as local water departments, California Department of Natural Resources and the County of Sacramento. Any other local agencies or state programs that are applicable will be involved in this process.

### WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE?

To ensure the safety of life and property to the Twin Rivers Unified School District by developing prevention plan by implementing new processes and procedures. To meet this goal, staff intends to make requests for funding from FEMA and other agencies that might assist in this venture.

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