



Press Release

City of Artesia, California

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City of Artesia Seeks Community Input for Disaster Planning

The City of Artesia is developing its very own Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), a plan that will help Artesia reduce the threat posed by hazards such as flooding and earthquakes. In order for this planning effort to be successful, the City needs input from the people who work and live within the City. The first opportunity to provide this input is a Hazard Mitigation Planning Survey available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArtesiaLHMP. It can also be accessed on the City's website at www.cityofartesia.us. The City will be accepting survey responses until Friday, June 28, 2019 at 11:59 PM.

Public participation is a key part of hazard mitigation planning. It provides planners insight into public preferences and access to community knowledge about the City. It also allows planners to ensure that the needs of vulnerable populations are accounted for. For these reasons, the City of Artesia will be providing several opportunities for public participation. "We invite any individual who lives or works in the City of Artesia to complete this survey and help shape our approach to hazard mitigation – the survey is a crucial first step," said City Manager Bill Rawlings.

Investing in the creation of quality LHMPs provides cities with multiple benefits. First, they allow the City to take a comprehensive approach towards reducing the impact of disaster events. Second, LHMPs are the principal qualification for a locality to receive state and federal hazard mitigation and disaster relief funds. Hazard mitigation funds can be applied to risk management projects such as brush or drainage clearing to reduce wildfire and flooding risk, and such funding also helps cities pay the immense costs inherent in responding to, and recovering from, disasters.

This planning effort has been made possible by the SoCalGas Grant for Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planning, which the City of Artesia was awarded in November 2018. The funds from this grant are being applied to creation of the LHMP and updating the City's Emergency Operations Plan. To lead both these efforts, the city has hired Constant Associates, a Torrance-based emergency management consulting firm. Both projects are expected to be complete before the year's end.

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Located in southeast Los Angeles County, Artesia is a diverse, vibrant city with nearly 18,000 residents and a dynamic business community. The City of Artesia, a leader in sustainability practices and winner of two 2018 Beacon Spotlight awards, is focused on serving the community with sound governance, 21st century infrastructure, and a commitment to public safety. To request services or share a question, visit our [Service Request page](#). To stay updated on our projects and events, visit us at CityofArtesia.us, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @OfficialCityofArtesia, and subscribe to our YouTube channel @CityofArtesia.