Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

In early 2018 the City of Redondo Beach began the process of updating its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, or LHMP. This plan will help create a safer community for residents, businesses, and visitors. The LHMP allows public safety officials and city staff, elected officials, and members of the public understand the threats from natural and human-caused hazards in our community. The plan will also recommend specific actions to proactively decrease these threats before disasters occur.

Why have an LHMP?

An LHMP will let Redondo Beach plan for future emergencies. Usually, after a disaster occurs, communities take steps to recover from the emergency and rebuild. An LHMP is a way for the City to become better prepared in advance of these disasters, so when they do occur, less damage occurs and recovery is easier. Our community can use LHMP strategies to reduce instances of property damage, injury, and loss of life from disasters. Besides protecting public health and safety, this approach can save money. Studies estimate that every dollar spent on mitigation saves an average of four dollars on response and recovery costs. An LHMP can also help to strengthen the mission of public safety officers, such as police and fire department staff, providing them with clear roles and responsibilities to build a safer community.

Besides helping to protect Redondo Beach, our LHMP will make the City eligible for grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that can be used to further improve safety and preparedness in the community. Having an adopted LHMP can also make Redondo Beach eligible to receive more financial assistance from the State when disasters do occur.

What is in our Draft LHMP?
The City of Redondo Beach LHMP includes four main sections:

- A summary of the natural and human-caused hazards that pose a risk to our community. This will include descriptions of past disaster events and the chances these disasters may occur in the future.
- An assessment of the threat to Redondo Beach, which will describe how our community is vulnerable to future disasters. The plan will look at the threat to important buildings and infrastructure, such as police and fire stations, roads, and utility lines. It will also look at the threat to community members, particularly disadvantaged persons.
- A hazard mitigation strategy, which will lay out specific policy recommendations for Redondo Beach to carry out over the next five years. These recommendations will help reduce the threat that our community faces from hazard events.
- A section on maintaining the plan, which will help ensure that our LHMP is kept up-to-date. This will make it easier for us to continue to proactively protect ourselves, and will also keep the City eligible for additional funding.

What hazards will our LHMP help protect us against?
The City plans to include the following natural hazards in our LHMP:

- Flooding and Coastline Disturbances;
- Earthquakes and Liquefaction;
- Tsunamis;
- Extreme Weather Events (Heat, Wind, and Rain);
Our Draft LHMP also looks at how climate change may affect these hazards and may include other hazards that pose a threat to our community.

How was our Draft LHMP prepared?
The City assembled a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC), which included representatives from the public safety departments (fire and police) and other City departments including building, planning, and public works, and a series of meetings were held that guided the overall development of our Draft LHMP. The HMPC is supported by key stakeholders, and technical consultants. Together, these participants formed the project team responsible for preparing our draft plan. Additionally, a community meeting was held on November 17, 2018 and an online survey was released to get input from citizens throughout the City.

How can I get involved?
You can get involved in different ways.

- Review the Draft LHMP document and provide your comments by email to PlanRedondo@redondo.org or by mail to Planning Division 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. Comments will be accepted until October 31, 2019.

- Attend the Public Safety Commission meeting scheduled for October 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers where they will review and discuss the Draft LHMP. Written comments for the Public Safety Commission may also be submitted in the same manner as described above.