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## **SOCCCD ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY MEETING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

*November 19, 2020 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm via Zoom*

**MISSION VIEJO, CA** —The South Orange County Community College District (SOCCCD or District) will be conducting a community meeting to announce the development of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The purpose of the LHMP is to identify actions/projects that will help reduce and/or eliminate the loss of life and property from the impact of hazards in the community.

The public is invited to attend this meeting to learn about SOCCCD's efforts to develop the LHMP and provide feedback on local concerns. The meeting will be held on November 19, 2020 at 1pm.

While LHMPs are not required, SOCCCD must have an approved LHMP to receive federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Locals are responsible to prepare, maintain, update, and adopt the LHMP, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) reviews the LHMP, and FEMA approves the LHMP. LHMPs must also be maintained and updated every five (5) years to be in compliance.

Contents of a LHMP include: documentation of the planning process used to create/update the LHMP; documentation of current mitigation capabilities; identification of community hazards and their impacts on the District; and, the identification of potential projects and/or actions to mitigate the impacts.

During this meeting, the public will be invited to provide comments or suggestions on the planning process; community hazards; and, potential projects and/or actions.

SOCCCD representatives and a consultant team will be on hand to answer any questions. All comments received from the public will be documented and considered for inclusion into the LHMP. The public may join the forum via zoom with the following credentials:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://socccd.zoom.us/j/95726990816> Meeting ID: 957 2699 0816. One tap mobile

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