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## **FEMA Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Public Announcement for Public Review of the Draft Nueces County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

A public meeting to review the draft Nueces County Multi-jurisdictional Plan, or *Plan*, is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 26, 2017, during Nueces County Commissioner's Court starting at 915am. Location: Nueces County Courthouse 901 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78401.**

During the meeting, the public is invited to make comments or suggestions on the draft plan. County, City, and emergency Management officials will be on hand to answer any questions. All comments received from the public will be documented and considered for inclusion in the plan. The public, area businesses and organizations located throughout the planning area are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Plan is being completed through a cooperative effort of officials from Nueces County and the cities of Agua Dulce, Bishop, Corpus Christi, Driscoll, Petronila, Port Aransas, and Robstown, as well as the Port of Corpus Christi Authority.

Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires communities to develop a mitigation plan to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards. *Mitigation* is defined by FEMA as sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects. Hazards that may pose a risk and potentially result in a disaster include Hurricanes, flood, drought, tornado, wildfire, extreme heat, and other high hazards.

Communities with a FEMA-approved Plan are eligible for certain grant funding under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) program to fund critical projects such as Buyouts and Structural Elevation of repetitive flood loss structures, drainage projects, and hardening critical facilities to minimize future damage from natural disasters that affect the County planning area.

Detailed information about the planning process can be obtained by contacting Janine Ellington, Project Manager, at (713) or [jeellington@lan-inc.com](mailto:jeellington@lan-inc.com)