

## **SECTION 8 PLAN MAINTENANCE**

*Since the last hazard mitigation plan written for the County in 2004, there has not been an official monitoring or maintenance program set in place. Even so, the County was very successful in implementing many mitigation actions. Numerous mitigation actions set forth in the 2004 plan were in progress or completed by the time of this Update. Many of these were made possible by funding after declared disasters. This section sets forth the intended process for monitoring, tracking, and maintaining this Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.*

The County of Santa Barbara Office of Emergency Management (County OEM) will be responsible for ensuring that this plan is monitored on an on-going basis. County OEM will call the Mitigation Advisory Committee (MAC) together on an annual basis to review the mitigation actions set forth in this plan and discuss progress. During this meeting the MAC will develop a list of items to be updated/added in future revisions of this plan.

County OEM will report the outcomes of the annual MAC meeting to the County Board of Supervisors in a publicly noticed meeting. All participating Cities will be encouraged to do the same reporting to their City Councils.

Additionally, the hazard mitigation plan will be a discussion/work item on the County's OEM agenda each year, and department heads and other emergency preparedness staff, who serve in the County's Emergency Operations Center, will focus on evaluating the Plan in light of technological, budgetary, and political changes that may occur during the year or other significant events.

Major disasters affecting the County or its communities, legal changes, and other events may trigger a meeting of the MAC. This group, in collaboration with other Santa Barbara County officials, will be responsible for determining if the plan should be updated.

The County of Santa Barbara is committed to reviewing and updating this plan annex at least once every five years, as required by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The jurisdictions within Santa Barbara County should continue to work together on updating this multi-jurisdictional plan.

The public will continue to be involved whenever the plan is updated and as appropriate during the monitoring and evaluation process. Prior to adoption of updates, the County will provide the opportunity for the public to comment on the updates. A public notice will be published prior to the meeting to announce the comment period and meeting logistics. Moreover, the County will engage stakeholders in community emergency planning.

## **8.1 POINT OF CONTACT**

Comments or suggestions regarding this plan may be submitted at any time to Richard Abrams, County Emergency Manager using the following information:

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