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The Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group (Group) considers all projects that focus on mitigating losses created by natural or man-made disasters. Priorities will be given to projects that demonstrate the use of mitigating techniques in developing or retrofitting areas or structures in order to minimize effects from a catastrophic occurrence. A list illustrating hazard-mitigation projects will be maintained as a part of the Local Mitigation Strategy. The list will be scheduled for review at a minimum on an annual basis.

A detailed hazard identification and vulnerability analysis is being designed to be included with the following review criteria (the first review item below). This analysis will provide the Group with the ability to quantify a particular project based upon: the type of hazard being mitigated (e.g.: flooding, wind, chemical spill. . .), the potential (or current) frequency of the hazard, the cost benefit associated with mitigating for the hazard (etc.). Although this criteria has the same weight as other listed criteria, it provides the Group with the ability to perform an internal review of similar projects associated with their respective jurisdiction and possible inclusion into respective Comprehensive and Capital Improvement Plans.

Additionally, there is population and location differences from one area of the county to the next, and hazard mitigation needs are expected to vary between the four jurisdictions. Priorities within one community may not necessarily reflect the priorities of another community. Through the evolution of the Local Mitigation Strategy, a process will be developed that will provide an internal system in prioritizing “priority” projects and in identifying lead agencies to be responsible (in a fair and flexible manner) for a project’s implementation.

The process illustrated provides a working framework in which the Local Mitigation working Group will prioritize mitigation projects. This process is in its infancy and will be modified as the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group proceeds in developing the remaining two deliverable products, and begins the process of reviewing various mitigation techniques and areas of vulnerability. This is the time to consider the “workability” of the process, and the Committee will continue to evaluate all programs and processes identified through the development of the Local Mitigation Strategy.

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Worksheet

Project Description:	(city hall/fire station/lift station, etc.)
Proposed Mitigation Measure:	(window protection/elevation, etc)
Submitted By:	(municipality/agency/department_etc.)

Criteria	Yes/No
Is the proposed measure warranted by the countywide vulnerability analysis?	
If accomplished, would the measure enhance essential/critical services?	
Is the project consistent with Growth-Management or Floodplain Management Plans?	
Is the measure a long-term improvement?	
Is the measure consistent with Local Mitigation Strategy's goal and objectives?	
Is more than one Local Mitigation Strategy objective being met?	
Does it meet the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan?	
Does the benefit exceed the cost?	
Are the owner(s) committed to the project and willing to match funds as necessary?	

Selection of a project will be based upon its priority. The following illustrates the manner in which a priority is obtained: 8-9 items answered yes equals a "Priority" of 1; 6-7 items answered yes equals a "Priority" of 2; and 4-5 items answered yes equals a "Priority" of 3. File: Criteria to Prioritize Mitigation Projects B.