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Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan



Over the last year and a half, the Five County Association of Governments (FCAOG) has been involved in the development of the "Five County Association of Governments Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan". At this point in the project we have scheduled two open houses to gain more input from the community.

The FCAOG Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been completed with participation and guidance from the FCAOG Regional Hazard Mitigation Team and as a result of a collaborative effort between the Five County Association of Governments, Utah Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Services and Homeland Security, public agencies, citizens, elected officials, and public employees of the cities and towns within Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, and Washington Counties. Questionnaires were provided to community leaders, and workshops and public meetings were conducted during plan's development. Public Participation for any planning project is vital, and care was taken to provide many opportunities for public comment and participation. Comments, questions, and discussions were given strong consideration in the development of this plan. All participants collectively met the regulations set forth by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in completing the plan.

The goal of this plan is to assist jurisdictions in the five counties of Southwestern Utah in reducing the impact of natural disasters. The plan is intended to promote sound public policy designed to protect citizens, private property, critical facilities, and infrastructure. The plan contains information on the purpose and methods used to develop

the plan, a profile of communities within FCAOG, as well as a hazard identification study and a vulnerability analysis of ten hazards: Wildfire; Landslide; Flood; Earthquake; Volcanoes; Drought; Problem Soil; Severe Weather; Insect Infestation; and Radon Gas.

The Five County Association of Governments (FCAOG) will hold two meetings regarding the FCAOG Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was recently completed by the FCAOG and has received preliminary approval by the FEMA.

Prior to adoption, by resolution, of this "multi-jurisdictional" Plan by the local jurisdictions within Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties, as well as by each of the counties themselves, the FCAOG is inviting all interested persons to attend one of two scheduled open houses in order to review and comment on the Plan. Both open houses will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2004.

One open house will be held in the FCAOG Conference Room in the Iron County's Fiddler Canyon Office Building, Lower Level, located at 88 East Fiddler Canyon Road; Cedar City, Utah. This open house will be held between 1:00 P.M. and 2:30 P.M.

Another will be held in the FCAOG Conference Room in the FCAOG Tonaquint Business Center Office Building, 1070 West 1600 South, Building B; St. George, Utah. This open house will be held between 4:00 P.M. and 5:30 P.M.

If you have any questions concerning the Plan or these open houses, please contact Mr. Curt Hutchings, Senior Planner, Five County Association of Governments at (435) 673-3548 or e-mail: chutchings@fcaog.state.ut.us

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including

auxiliary communicative aids and services) during the open houses should contact Mr. Hutchings at least three working days prior to the scheduled meeting. (Curt Hutchings)

Staff Spotlights:



Margaret Pfaffenberger started working in the Iron County Volunteer Center with RSVP on April 13, 2004. She moved to New Harmony, Utah a year ago. Margaret has been employed with Plains Regional Medical Center Home Health & Hospice in New Mexico since 1986, where she was the director since 1990. She also served as a consultant to other

Presbyterian Healthcare Services home health agencies in New Mexico for the last three years.

She loved her job and the people she worked with but playing with grandchildren became a stronger priority so she and her husband took early retirement and moved back "home" to Utah. Margaret is pleased to have the opportunity to work part-time in a program so closely related to her previous experience. She is looking forward to getting to know all of the retired senior volunteers.

Margaret was born in Huntington, Utah. She and her husband Gary have been married 41 years. They have three adult children and four grandchildren. The family lived in Cedar City, Utah, Moscow, Idaho and Flagstaff, Arizona while obtaining education and lived in Roswell and Portales, New Mexico for 30 years where Gary taught biology at Eastern New Mexico University.

Margaret enjoys entertaining family and friends, spending time with her grandchildren, sewing, crocheting and gardening. She especially enjoys evening walks observing the beautiful New Harmony scenery.



Dianne Morrison is the new part-time Program Specialist for the Volunteer Center of Iron County. She is also the new Executive Secretary for the United Way of Iron County. Her job includes both of these titles. As Program Specialist, she will be promoting the youth

programs, as well as the senior programs. She enjoys the diversity this job offers and looks forward to expanding these worthy programs.

Prior to moving to Cedar City in 1998, Dianne was employed by Lucent Technologies in Reading, PA for 20 years. She was born and raised in Boyertown, PA. It was there she met and married her high school sweetheart, Daniel, in 1975. Dianne has been happily married for 28 years. Daniel is the Pre-Treatment Coordinator for Cedar City. They have one daughter, Danelle, who resides in San Francisco, CA.

Dianne is a member of PEO, the mentor of MOPS (mothers of preschoolers), and a Deacon at the Community Presbyterian Church. In her spare time she enjoys hiking, painting, and reading.

Dianne is looking forward to getting to know everyone at Five County and settling into her new job.



Steve Clay was born in Utah; however his family moved to Tonopah, Nevada, where he lived until he was in the sixth grade. His family then moved to Caliente, Nevada, where he graduated from Lincoln County High School. He then went to SUU to pursue his college education.

Steve worked in the maintenance department at SUU for six years prior to joining the Five County AOG weatherization crew. He began working for the AOG in February and is loving every minute of it. Steve enjoys spending time with his wife, Lisa, and three children Tyson 16, Tausha 13, and Skyler 11.



Congratulations!!

Ferl Chamberlain and Todd Ille both took the Rocky Mountain Gas Certification test and passed with flying colors. They are now State Certified Furnace Techs.

A Fond Salute to Jeannine Holt



Unbeknownst to many of her good friends and associates, Jeannine Holt quietly retired from her position as Southern Utah Coordinator for Senator Orrin Hatch on April 15, 2004. She didn't want any celebration or "fuss", and surprised even her co-workers with her retirement announcement!

Jeannine has worked tirelessly as an advocate for southern Utah for many years. She began her work with Senator Hatch more than 20 years ago. Over the years, she has worn out more than one vehicle making sure that the needs of southern Utah were represented. From city council meetings to county commission sessions, to RC&D board meetings and Association of Governments Steering Committee meetings, Jeannine was always present to keep local officials up to date.

The amazing truth is that her job for the Senator is only a small part of her busy life. The St. George Chamber of Commerce Sunshiners, Rotary Club, Dixie State College Board of Regents, and the Washington County Republican Party (and many more organizations) all benefit from her wisdom, judgment and energy.

We here at the Five County Association of Governments want Jeannine to know that we will truly miss her wit, wisdom, and consistency in championing southern Utah needs. We look forward to seeing future reports of her continuing community involvement, and wish her the best as she moves on to new challenges. Thanks once again, Jeannine! (Ken Sizemore)

District Housing Condition Survey

Five County Association of Governments Community and Economic Development staff are working with municipalities throughout the region to gather current housing stock information for inclusion into the rewrite of the District Consolidated Plan. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), requires a rewrite of the Plan every five years. To accomplish this task, staff is soliciting assistance from each of the jurisdictions within the Five County region to complete a short form for each home that they have identified as meeting the criteria of

severely deteriorated or completely dilapidated. The CED staff are requesting those jurisdictions that have yet to complete and return these forms to do so as soon as possible. The information provided will assist in identifying housing needs throughout the region. Your continued support and assistance is greatly appreciated. For more information please contact Diane Lamoreaux at 435-673-3548.

Welcome Home KEN!!

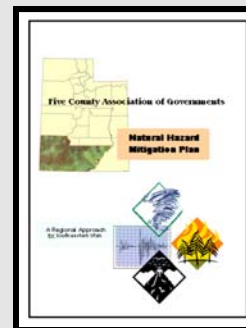
Kenneth L. Sizemore, Director of the FCAOG Community & Economic Development Division, has returned to Utah after serving on active duty with Utah's 141st Military Intelligence Battalion, which has been in the Iraq theater over the past year.

Ken has described his year of service which included freezing temperatures at Fort Carson, Colorado, where his unit was first mobilized, to temperatures as high as 150 degrees in Iraq.

In Iraq, Ken said the worst damage was not inflicted by U.S. bombs, but by Iraqi looters that pillaged buildings, taking even the copper wiring and plumbing. Ken said if forces accomplished nothing more than ridding Iraqis of the yoke of Saddam Hussein, then the cost of war was worth it. Ken's son Jacob also served in Iraq. We are proud of all of Utah's troops and the service they have and are providing to our country in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the War on Terrorism.

(Gary Zabriskie)

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HAIRY PIG!



John Williams, Executive Director of the Five County Association of Governments, receives a “Hairy Pig” as part of a recent fund raising sponsored by the Youth Volunteer Corp of Washington County. The April Fool’s Day prank has become an annual funding raising event.

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail (newsletter@fcaog.state.ut.us) or in writing to: P.O. Box 1550; St. George, Utah 84771-1550. For other information or services, please call (435) 673-3548 or visit our web site at: www.fcaog.state.ut.us

Steering Committee Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, May 12, 2004 - 1:00 p.m.
Panguitch City Library - Council Chambers
25 South 200 East; Panguitch, UT

Wednesday, June 9, 2004 - 1:00 p.m.
Kane County Courthouse,
Commission Chambers
76 North Main, Kanab, UT

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