



Idaho Section of the American Water Resources Association (IDAWRA) *Community, Conversation, Connections*

Presentation: Ada County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 11:30am - 1:00 pm

LEED Platinum Banner Bank Building, 2nd floor, 950 W Bannock St, Boise ID 83702

Speaker: Crash Marusich, CEM, Emergency Planner, Ada County Emergency Management

Effective November 1, 2004, a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is required for participation in its Hazard Mitigation programs. To ensure that the latest information and analysis is contained in the plan it must be updated every five years.

Mitigation is the cornerstone of emergency management. It's the continuing effort to lessen the impact disasters have on people and property. Mitigation is defined as "sustained action that reduces or eliminates long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects."

In an effort coordinated by Ada County Emergency Management (ACEM), local governments and districts completed the 2017 update of the Ada County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The update included information on:

- The seven potential natural hazards of Ada County and dam failure
- Risk assessments, that include computer modeling, to describe potential losses from these hazards

- A set of goals, objectives and actions that will guide future mitigation activities within the county
- A system for implementing and monitoring the plan in the future

This plan update included new modeling of the hazards based on the most recent data available. The plan is composed of two volumes. Volume One examines potential disasters and mitigation on a county-wide basis, and identifies desired actions that could reduce risk for the area as a whole. Volume Two is composed of individual annexes for each of the planning partners (local jurisdictions and taxing districts) that are participating in the process. These annexes address specific mitigation actions that each partner has identified as possible methodologies to reduce risk in their area.

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