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Newsletter Ideas?

Do you want to spread the word about an upcoming event or recent success story?

Let us know what you'd like to see in future issues!

*Articles can be up to 500 words and may include pictures. **Email:** RXNewsletter@starr-team.com*

NFIP Training Opportunity: An Introduction to Risk Rating 2.0



FEMA Region 10 is conducting a webinar training series on the new flood insurance rating methodology, Risk Rating (RR) 2.0. This training will introduce this flood insurance rating methodology and take a closer look at the rating factors used to determine a building's risk of flooding and the cost to insure that risk.

This webinar will also provide information on additional training resources, discuss recent experience with the new rating methodology, and provide tips for success. This training is open to all and state and local government officials, insurance agents, and real estate professionals are encouraged to attend.

Date: 2nd Tuesday of each month, beginning **May 9th, 2023**

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (PST)

Registration: required [here on ZOOM](#)

This session will cover several topics: why FEMA changed its 50-year-old rating methodology, how the new rating methodology works, what the new rating criteria is (e.g., where, how, and what type of structure is built and other variables), data sources, and how insurance relates to floodplain management. Attendees will also be provided with helpful resources related to these subjects.

If you would like to learn more about RR 2.0, please visit the [Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action website](#).

FEMA Extends Public Feedback Period for Achieving Equitable Recovery: A Post Disaster Guide for Local Officials

On April 11, 2023 FEMA hosted a virtual consultation with Tribal Nations to solicit feedback and recommendations on the draft, [Achieving Equitable Recovery: A Post-Disaster Guide for Local Officials \(Equity Guide\)](#).

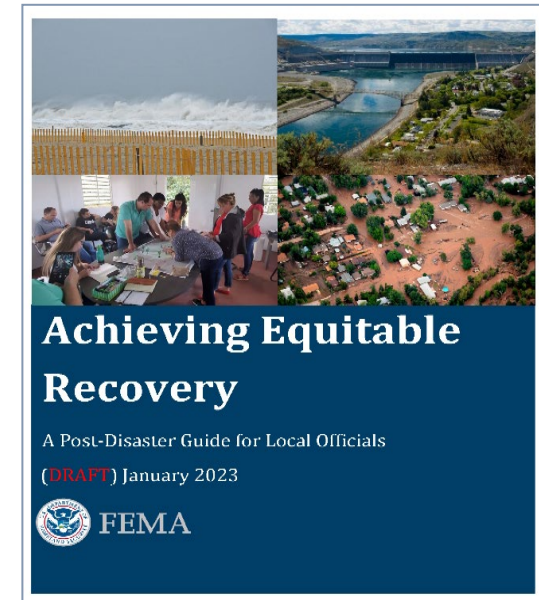
The goal of the Equity Guide is to help local officials incorporate diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in their post disaster recovery management work. Successful disaster recovery requires the whole community to rebuild in a thoughtful, equitable, and resilient manner. This guide supports local officials in their efforts to build equity into the recovery process by establishing more diverse partnerships, conducting inclusive strategic public engagement, identifying needs of the whole community, leveraging mitigation opportunities, and developing new partnerships to help leverage funding opportunities.

The Equity Guide helps community leaders identify and address barriers historically found throughout the disaster recovery process by providing advice, checklists, toolkits, case studies, and community examples on how to incorporate equity through the recovery management process and how to work towards achieving equitable outcomes.

The national engagement process for the Equity Guide (originally 30 days) has been extended to **May 11th, 2023**. Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to ensure that the information within this guide is relevant to all implementing partners and stakeholders.

Please feel free to continue submitting your feedback.

To provide comments or recommendations to the draft equity guide, use the [comment matrix](#) and email FEMA-CA-RSF@fema.dhs.gov.



2023 Hazard Mitigation Partners Workshop: Call for Abstracts



The Hazard Mitigation (HM) Partners Workshop, All Together for Climate Resilient Communities: Equity, Partnerships, Capability & Capacity, brings together Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) and Floodplain Management (FPM) for dedicated sessions and tracks. Topics will focus on building mitigation champions, driving community resiliency, providing technical assistance for grant programs, and supporting overall mitigation. In line with key workshop themes, there is interest in abstracts highlighting efforts to reach or build capacity within disadvantaged communities. Hazard Mitigation is "any action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from natural hazards."

To align, abstracts examining the following topics are desired: Climate Change and Adaptation, Nature Base Solutions and Future Conditions, Equity in Mitigation Planning/Urban Planning, Building Codes and Standards, Capacity-Building/Direct Technical Assistance, Reaching Disadvantaged Communities or Reaching Underserved and Socially Vulnerable Populations.

Abstract submissions are to be sent by email. The Call for Abstracts submission period runs from Monday, April 10, 2023, to **Monday, May 15, 2023**. Accepted abstracts will be presented at the Workshop, which will be held virtually from Oct. 16-19, 2023. The process for submitting abstracts can be found [here on FEMA's website](#). For insight about the topics covered during the 2021 Workshop, please view the full [HM Partners Workshop Program](#).

If you have any question or concerns, email: fema-2023hmpartnersworkshop@fema.dhs.gov.

Ask the Help Desk:

The Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions.

Email: RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

Online Training Calendar

(All times Pacific)

Course	Date/Time	Continuing Education Credits (CECs)
CRS: Preparing for a Verification Visit	May 16, 10:00 am	1
CRS: Floodplain Management Planning (Activity 510)	May 17, 10:00 am	1
STARR II: NFIP Basics	May 18, 10:00 am	1
STARR II: Introduction to NFIP Flood Insurance	May 25, 10:00 am	1
CRS: Introduction to the CRS	June 20, 10:00 am	1
CRS: Developing a PPI & a Insurance Coverage Improvement Plan	June 21, 10:00 am	1
STARR II: Introduction to FEMA Technical Bulletins	June 29, 10:00 am	1



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