

# MEMORANDUM

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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

January 17, 2018

TO: Commissioners Court

FROM: Douglas A. Barnes Jr., Senior Planning Coordinator

RE: Formal Adoption of the Updated Fort Bend County Hazard Mitigation Plan as Approved by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and FEMA

The Office of Emergency Management respectfully requests the formal adoption of the 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update as approved by TDEM and FEMA.

The 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan update is a consolidated effort between the County staff, the 16 participating jurisdictions, and many of our public and private community partners. This effort began in late 2015 with the award of grant funds to procure vendor support to assist with the update of the plan. The involvement of all 16 participating jurisdictions and agencies was crucial to the successful development of this plan. The plan was submitted to TDEM and FEMA for their review in August of 2017, with a subsequent approval letter issued by FEMA on January 8, 2018.

The Hazard Mitigation plan not only provides an overview of natural hazards affecting the County and jurisdictions, but summarizes past hazard events, and describes how we recognize and address hazards in the planning and development processes. The actions identified in this plan are intended to reduce the long-term impacts of hazards on the County, the jurisdictions, and our citizens.

A current Hazard Mitigation Plan is required by FEMA in order for the County to remain eligible for certain kinds of federal grants. Currently, the Hazard Mitigation is in an "approved pending adoption" status. Once the plan is approved by Commissioner's Court and the adoption resolution is returned to TDEM and FEMA, the plan will then be considered "effective".

The entire plan is available for review on the OEM website at [www.fbcoem.org](http://www.fbcoem.org).

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Emergency Management at 281-342-6185.

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