

REPORT TO BOARD

On August 6, 2025, I attended the 3rd meeting of the Plumas County 2026 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) in Quincy. The purpose of this meeting was to record the concerns of the participants within Plumas County regarding hazardous events that might occur within the county.

Participants in the meeting were asked to cite their organization's concerns during the meeting. Most of the participants stated that wildfire was a concern because of the lack of documented and established evacuation routes; communication was a concern because in older communities many do not have a computer or have Facebook for notification in times of emergency. Development of an evacuation notification system to assist with this was discussed.

The speaker stated that forming a committee to participate in a plan speaks well in a FEMA plan and could help with grants if community members were involved. FEMA wants to see community plans that are thought out and inclusive. It was stated that a mitigation action project is essential to be eligible to apply for FEMA grants.

Another item discussed at length was the need to develop an understanding of PGE power grids for outage issues and possible ways to mitigate this. Flooding was also a concern and discussed.

Once created, the mitigation plan needs to be adopted by the board with the understanding that the items contained therein are dependent on funding.