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## **Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meeting on May 19, 2021**

Hidalgo County will hold a public meeting via webinar on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to gather public input for updating their Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Plan includes Hidalgo County and the cities of Alamo, Alton, Donna, Edcouch, Edinburg, Elsa, Granjeno, Hidalgo, La Joya, La Villa, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palmhurst, Palmview, Penitas, Pharr, Progreso, San Juan and Sullivan City. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting. **Please register at the link below to participate in the webinar.**

**[http://h2o.adobeconnect.com/mit\\_hidalgo\\_05192021/event/registration.html](http://h2o.adobeconnect.com/mit_hidalgo_05192021/event/registration.html)**

CALL-IN NUMBER: 800-832-0736, CODE: 2435805

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide a project overview from H2O Partners, Inc., consultant to the project, and solicit information from citizens. Public input will help the project team to analyze potential hazards affecting residents and recommend possible actions to reduce their impact. Hazards included are flood, dam failure, tornado, thunderstorm and extreme wind, drought, hail, wildfire, winter storm, earthquake, lightning, extreme heat, and expansive soils.

A public participation survey is available at: <https://h2o.surveyparrot.com/s/Hidalgo-County-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan-Update/tt-ab2360>

The goal of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards by identifying and implementing cost-effective mitigation actions. Mitigation is defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects.

Questions about the Hazard Mitigation Plan should be addressed to H2O Partners, Inc., planning consultants for Hidalgo County; Attn: Heather Ferrara, Project Manager by email at [heather@h2opartnersusa.com](mailto:heather@h2opartnersusa.com).