



County of Kaua'i

Multi-Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan

2015 Update

In accordance with the Local Mitigation Plan Requirements under the Stafford Act, 2000 amendments.

Acknowledgments

The updated plan has been prepared in conjunction and with extensive input from the County of Kaua‘i. The Update process began officially in September 2014, with the first meetings of the planning team, KCDA, and the Mayor’s staff.

The Mayor’s Office and the Executive Offices, which form the Kaua‘i County Disaster Management Committee (DMC), with Kaua‘i County Civil Defense Agency have guided the development, provided extensive input, and enacted policy and programmatic decisions in this updated plan. DMC supports the implementation of the plan. DMC has ensured consistency and cohesiveness with County activities toward the focus on disaster risk reduction and resilience.

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Disaster Management Committee

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The County of Kaua’i has maintained and updated the GIS system since the development of the first multi-hazard mitigation plan in 2003, which enables the update to reference new studies and information during the preparation of the risk and vulnerability assessment. The identification of hazard mitigation actions currently underway, gaps in risk reduction, and mitigation options involved extensive collaboration among public, private, non-profit, and community-based agencies and organizations in Kaua’i County and the State of Hawai’i. The work of Garrett Johnson, who maintains the County GIS system, has been essential for this plan update process.

The Contractor’s Association of Kaua’i, with the involvement of the Executive Director Karen Taketa, continues to provide substantial input into the plan related to building, construction, and land in the county. CAK further provides hazard information to the public through the annual Home Show with demonstrations and dialogue with county and state agencies on ways to reduce risk.

Acknowledgment must also be given to the general public who has participated in community meetings, surveys, and other forums from 2003-2015 to address hazard risks and discuss planning options, public awareness festivals, and forums to provide input into the risk and vulnerability assessment and hazard mitigation planning process. The work of the Hanalei Watershed Hui (HWH) in developing the first community disaster resilience plan has been critical for the 2015 Plan Update, and providing a guide for other communities for resilience planning.

The communities of Kaua’i County actively build resilience through local planning and environmental initiatives. This resilience of the communities enhances their ability to withstand the impacts of disasters and longer term effects of climate change. Focus on agriculture and local livelihoods enhances sustainability, and will enable survival should catastrophic events occur that prevents imported products from reaching Kauai. Environmental restoration efforts in the ahupua’a of Kaua’i have improved the ecological resilience of the environment.

The previous and current administrations of Kaua’i County Government have provided extensive support for the development of this strategy. The establishment of the Kaua’i County Disaster Management Committee ensures the implementation of this strategy.

The primary coordination of this plan comes from the Kaua’i County Civil Defense Agency (KCDA). This update began with the organization of Glenda Nougami-Streufert with Mark Marshall as the key point person for the mitigation efforts. Beginning in late 2013, Nougami-Streufert outlined the necessity of funding the plan update with the Mayor’s Office and Kauai County Council to ensure that funds were allocated for the plan update. Elton Ushio, managing director since February 2015, provides guidance

and coordination in finalizing the plan, including participation in the outreach event at the Contractor’s Association Home Show where the draft was discussed with the public. Karleen Abalos provided extensive support in coordinating community meetings. The Hazards, Climate, & Environment Program of the University of Hawaii Social Science Research Institute, with a subaward to Disaster Resilience LLC, were the primary planners for the 2015 Update. HCEP and DR conducted an evaluation of the previous plans and decisions, facilitated community meetings and public interaction, drafted the planning document, conducted reviews with County officials, briefed the Mayor and DMC, and finalized the plan. Members of the planning team from the University of Hawai’i include: Cheryl Anderson (Hazards, Climate, Environment Program, Social Science Research Institute), Pamela Fujii (HCEP/UHSSRI), H. Gingerlei Porter (TASI/UHSSRI), and Sarah Henly-Shepard (Disaster Resilience LLC).

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