## PENINSULA RESILIENCE PLANNING

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2

April 3, 2024

















# INTERPRETACIÓN SIMULTÁNEA DURANTE EL TALLER COMUNITARIO PENINSULA RESILIENCE PLANNING







## Peninsula Resilience Planning

#### **Agenda**

- 1. Welcome and introductions (5 min)
- 2. Icebreaker Zoom poll (5 min)
- 3. PREP project overview (20 min)
- 4. Q & A (10 min)
- 5. Small group discussions in breakout rooms (35 min)
- 6. Wrap-up and Next Steps (15 min)

#### Introductions



#### **Project Team**

- Tammy Seale, PlaceWorks
- Eli Krispi, PlaceWorks
- Lauren Willey, PlaceWorks
- Cathy Capriola, Community Planning Collaborative
- Additional PlaceWorks staff
- Atlas Planning Solutions
- Climate Resilient Communities (CRC)
- Nexus Planning

#### **Public Agency Staff**

- County of San Mateo
- City of Belmont
- City of Burlingame
- City of East Palo Alto
- City of Half Moon Bay
- City of San Bruno

## **Participation Tips**



#### Ask questions in the chat.

- The goal of this workshop is to introduce these topics. We want to make sure they are clear and approachable. Please type your questions in the chat and the team will answer them after the presentation.

#### All feedback is welcome.

- There is no "bad" feedback. We want to hear from all community members.

#### Everyone is welcome.

- Please be courteous and respectful of all participants.

#### Goals



- Understand how natural hazards, including those driven by climate change, have affected community members.
  - How have you planned for, responded to, and recovered from these hazards?
  - What are your experiences?
- Help community members understand the PREP project, including how it benefits each community and supports local priorities.

### Hazards to plan for





Dam failure



Drought



Dune and bluff erosion



Extreme heat



Flooding



Hazardous materials



Landslides



Pests and diseases



Sea level rise



Seismic hazards



Storm surge



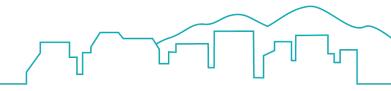
Wildfire





## ESTIMENTALE PLANNING

## **Introductory Poll**



#### **Zoom Poll Questions:**

- 1. Where do you live?
- 2. Where do you work or attend school?
- 3. What climate hazard in your community is of most concern to you?
- 4. Are you familiar with your community's General Plan?



## PROJECT OVERVIEW PENINSULA RESILIENCE PLANNING

#### What is resilience?

#### The ability to:

- Withstand disasters
- Recover from disasters
- Learn from past events to strengthen future response and recovery.



#### What is PREP?

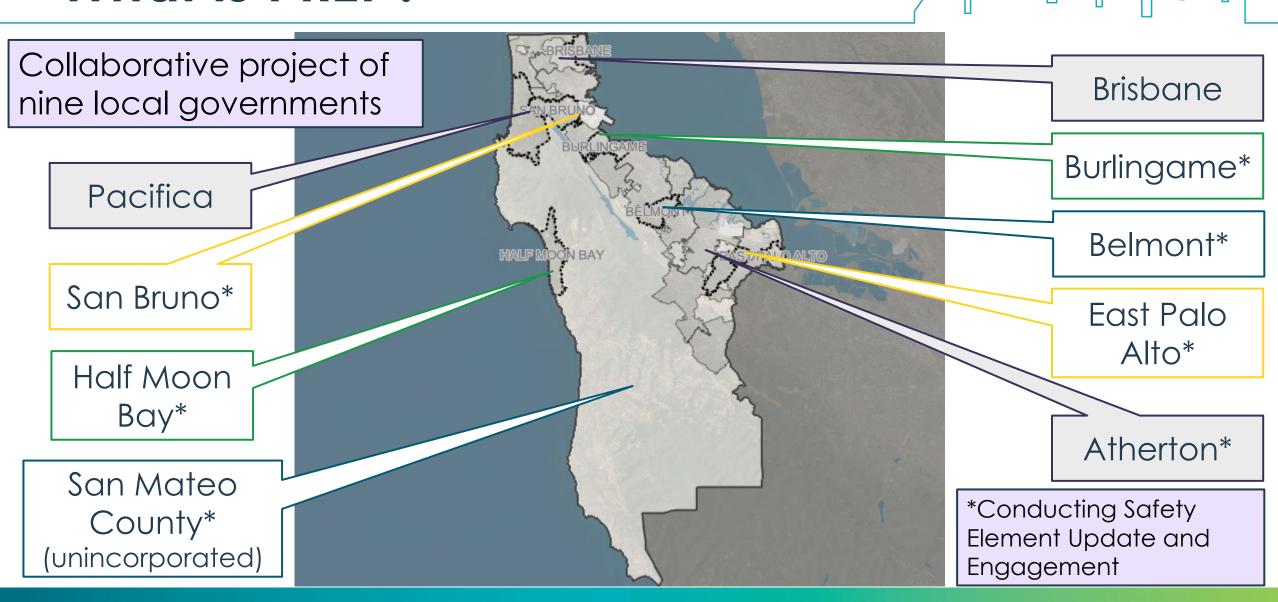
Peninsula Resilience Planning (PREP) is a project to plan for the harm posed by climate change and natural hazards for each participating community.

#### **Includes:**

- Vulnerability Assessments
- Safety Element updates
- Community Engagement



#### What is PREP?



## The PREP process



How is the community affected by hazards? Who and what is at risk?

- Vulnerability
   Assessment
- Hazard and evacuation mapping
- Background reports and studies

What can we do to protect against these hazards and reduce the harm?

- Regional best practices
- Gap analysis
- Goals, policies, and objectives

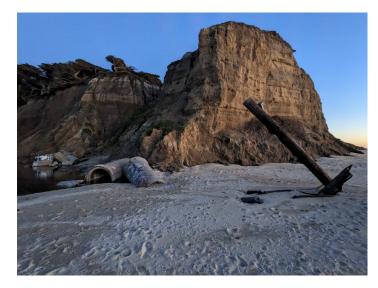
How can we make these efforts happen?

- Implementation measures and recommendations
- Safety Element Updates

#### Community Engagement

## What is a Safety Element?

- Required part of a community's General Plan.
  - The General Plan guides how a community will grow and develop.
  - Local officials refer to it when making decisions about land use and other important matters.
- Identifies hazards of concern and related issues.
- Contains policies and actions to protect communities against natural disasters and hazards, such as wildfires.





## Example language



#### Goal

 Prepare for, reduce vulnerability to, and adapt to changing climate conditions.

#### Policy

• Promote vegetation management and fire-resistant landscape design on residential properties and businesses within the wildland-urban interface and very high fire hazard severity zone.

#### Implementation Action

• Establish a Neighborhood Chipper Program in partnership with FIRE SAFE San Mateo.

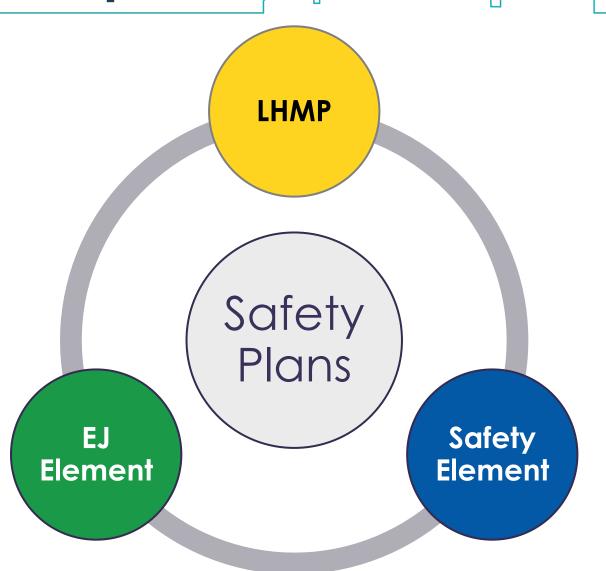
## Why Update the Safety Element?

- State law requires a review and update of the Safety Element every eight years.
  - New requirement to address climate change vulnerability and climate adaptation and resiliency.
- Pull in successes and goals from other similar plans and newly updated General Plan elements.
- Ensure that the goals, policies, and actions reflect expertise, experience, and needs of the community.



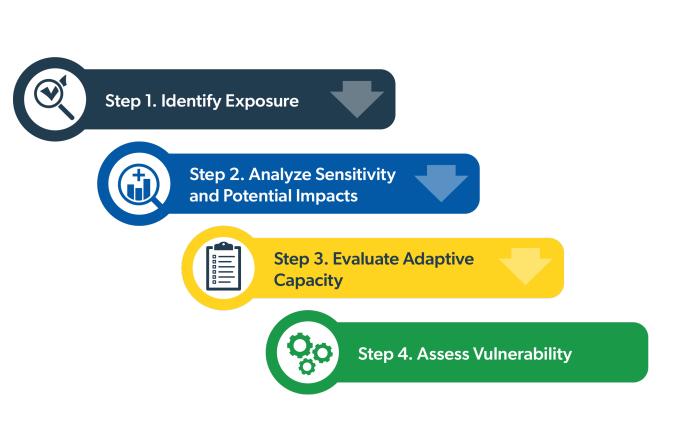
## Safety Element and other plans

- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)
  - Provides current detailed information about hazards that we can refer to for background.
- Environmental Justice (EJ) element
  - Addresses pollution burden and other inequities on frontline communities.
  - Three communities are preparing this.
- "Multi-jurisdictional approach"
  - Several cities, towns, or unincorporated areas of the county work together to address a common issue in the region.



#### What is a Vulnerability Assessment?

- Assesses how people and community assets may be affected by climate change.
- Evaluates whether policies or programs exist that will help people to avoid impacts and/or recover quickly.
- Informs strategy development to reduce exposure to harm and increase resilience.



## Vulnerability Assessment hazards



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#### Who and what is at risk?





People (especially frontline populations)



Buildings



Infrastructure networks



Economic systems



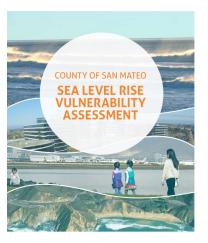
Key community services

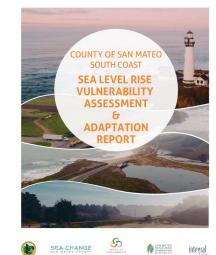


Ecosystems and natural resources

#### **Existing Studies**

- The County and community stakeholders have prepared vulnerability assessments for sea level rise. PREP will include these and build on their findings.
  - South Coast Sea Level Rise Risk and Solutions Study
  - San Mateo County Sea Level Rise Vulnerability
     Assessment
  - Climate Ready SMC Pilot Project: Half Moon Bay Climate Action and Adaptation Outreach Pilot
  - East Palo Alto Community Vulnerability Adaptation Sea Level Rise Planning Project
  - Sea Change Burlingame













## WEBSITE AND MAP VIEWER DEMONSTRATION PENINSULA RESILIENCE PLANNING

#### Environmental Justice Element Update

State Law requires the Environmental Justice element to consider the following issues within a disadvantaged community:



Pollution Exposure and Air Quality



**Food Access** 



Safe and Sanitary Homes



Physical Activity



Public Facilities



Other health risks, such as climate vulnerability

Three PREP communities are currently updating their Environmental Justice elements concurrent with the Safety Element Update:

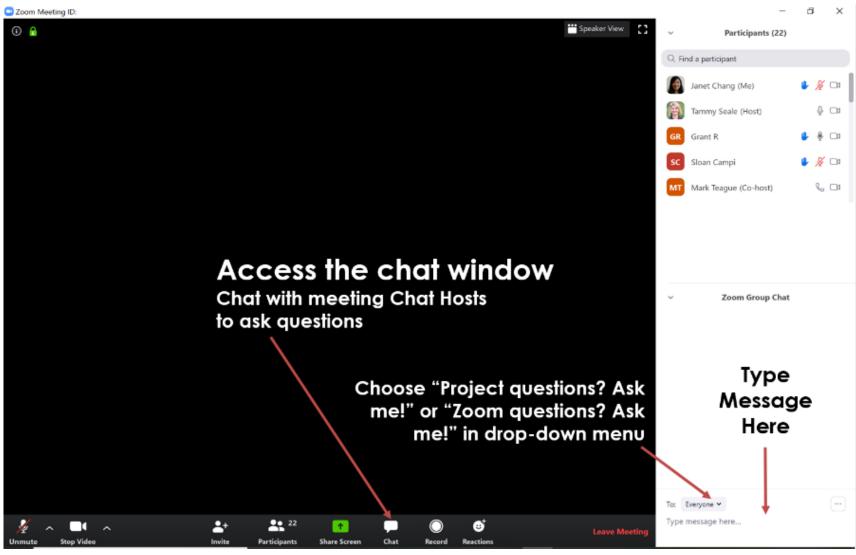
- Burlingame
- East Palo Alto
- San Mateo County



## QUESTIONS? PENINSULA RESILIENCE PLANNING

#### **Q&A Session**









## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS PENINSULA RESILIENCE PLANNING

## **Small Group Discussion**

We will break into small groups to share feedback on community members' experience with natural hazards.

Facilitated discussion will last for 35 minutes followed by a brief report-out of each group's discussion themes by the group moderator.



## REPORT BACK PENINSULA RESILIENCE PLANNING

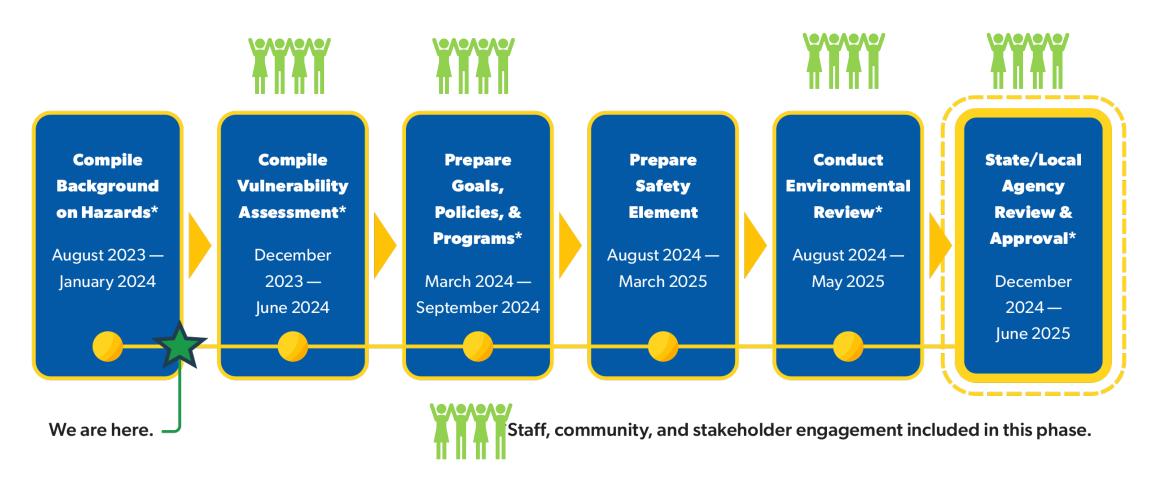


## **NEXT STEPS**

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### How to stay involved

#### **Upcoming engagement events**

- In-person workshops (late April and May)
- Online survey available through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Project website: <u>prepsmc.com</u>





