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## CITY OF CHINO HILLS WILL HOST A PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON AUGUST 22 TO GATHER INPUT ON THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Chino Hills, CA – The City of Chino Hills is currently in the process of updating its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) for 2025 to be better prepared for emergencies and hazards such as flooding, landslides, wildfires, and more. Chino Hills residents are encouraged to participate in the process and are invited to attend a LHMP public workshop on Thursday, August 22 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Chino Hills City Council Chambers, located at 14000 City Center Drive. During the meeting attendees will receive a brief overview of the City's LHMP and the role it plays in emergency preparedness, and will have the opportunity to provide input and collectively discuss identified hazards, risks, and proposed mitigation measures.

The LHMP helps the City identify natural, environmental, and man-made hazards and determine mitigation actions to reduce the risk and potential impacts on the community such as loss of life or property. LMHPs are required to be updated periodically to ensure the City is properly assessing the probability of various hazards and identifying projects that could potentially reduce the risks in the community. Once these risks are identified, the City's project team, first responders, and a team of key community stakeholders comprised of various agency officials develop long-term strategies to protect people and property and improve emergency management during a hazard event. The LHMP must also be updated every five years to remain eligible for State and Federal grant funding and to be eligible to obtain FEMA mitigation grant funds should the community experience a declared disaster.

The LHMP Community Survey is currently available online now and will remain open through Friday, August 30. Residents who have already responded to the survey are encouraged to remain involved by attending the public meeting as the next step in the process to discuss their concerns and input with City staff and other community members. Collected feedback will inform the initial draft of the City's updated LHMP, which will be presented to the community at future LHMP public meeting. To take the survey, find out more information, or to review the City's current plan, visit <u>www.chinohills.org/LHMP</u>. For questions, please contact the City's Emergency Services Coordinator at (909) 364-2713.