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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT
PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Would you like to learn more about what the Valley of the Moon Water District (District) will do to minimize the impacts of natural hazards, such as drought, earthquake, severe weather, and wildfires? Would you like to learn how the District will minimize the impacts of technological and human-health hazards, such as cyber threats and pandemics on its water system?

The District's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) update assesses the risk posed by natural, technological, and human-health hazards and identifies specific, actionable strategies to reduce potential impacts on water system operations and community services. The LHMP also addresses how climate change may intensify certain natural hazards and incorporates climate adaptation strategies to improve long-term resilience. Adoption of the LHMP allows the District to remain eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding.

A Public Review Draft of the District's LHMP is now available for public review and comment. The plan was developed over the past six months with guidance from a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee, which included representatives from regional and local agencies and organizations in the Sonoma Valley, including Sonoma County, Sonoma Water, and the City of Sonoma.

The District is now inviting public input on the draft plan before it is finalized and submitted to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and FEMA Region IX for review and approval.

The District encourages its water customers and community members to participate in the planning process by reviewing and commenting on the Public Review Draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The draft plan is available on the District's LHMP webpage at

<https://www.vomwd.org/local-hazard-mitigation>.

The public comment period is open for 14 days, from Friday, May 1, 2026, through Thursday, May 14, 2026. Comments or questions may be submitted:

- Online at <https://tinyurl.com/VOMWD-Comments>,
- Via email at customerservice@vomwd.org, or
- By phone at (707) 996-1037.