



## Contra Costa County

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### News Release

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### Contra Costa County Residents Invited to Participate in Community Preparedness Study

(Martinez, CA) – Contra Costa County residents and businesses can help the County update its emergency preparedness plans by participating in a voluntary online questionnaire. Feedback from the confidential 10-minute survey will enable Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Services to better serve residents and businesses before, during, and after an emergency or disaster.

“Your feedback will help us improve our emergency preparedness and response efforts,” said Board Chair John Gioia, District 1 Supervisor. “The safety of our community is one of our most important priorities.”

Those who live or work in Contra Costa County are encouraged to share their experiences, knowledge, and concerns about local hazards by participating in the brief questionnaire. The survey is available in English and Spanish. To complete the questionnaire, please go to:

**English Survey:** <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7511228/2024-Contra-Costa-County-Hazard-Mitigation-Questionnaire>

**Spanish Survey:** <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7531453/2024-Condado-de-Contra-Costa-Encuesta-comunitaria-sobre-la-preparaci-n-para-emergencias>

The questionnaire will remain open until January 30, 2024.

Information provided in Contra Costa County’s community preparedness questionnaire will help the County and local communities create strategies and implement actions to reduce future risk of death, injuries, and property damage from hazards.

To learn more about the Contra Costa County Hazard Mitigation Plan, disaster preparedness, and opportunities to get involved, go to <https://www.cocosherriff.org/disaster-preparedness/emergency-services-division>.

The United States Federal government requires local and state governments to have a FEMA-approved Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, as established by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, to qualify for hazard mitigation assistance grant dollars. These programs are critical sources of Federal funding, especially for a community that wants to proactively initiate mitigation projects using mitigation grant dollars.

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