



## **Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians Hazard Mitigation Plan**

### **Goals, Objectives and Strategies**

#### **GOALS:**

The goals and objectives for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (the “Plan”) for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (the “Tribe”) are identified below. These goals and objectives were developed to coordinate with the Tribe’s Mission Statement which reads as follows:

“The mission of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians is to uphold Tribal Government, protect and preserve Tribal history, culture and the general welfare of the Tribal membership, as well as to provide for the economic needs of the Tribe and its members through land acquisition and business development. To further fulfill its mission, the Tribe fosters a “good work ethic” and independence for the membership and strongly upholds the “government to government” relationship with local, State and Federal governments. The Tribe constantly develops strong cooperative relationships that benefit not only the Tribe, but the local community as well.”

The Tribe intends to stay true to its Mission Statement while accomplishing the following goals in developing its Plan:

- to protect its people, property, natural environment, natural resources and economic vitality while upholding its sovereignty, identify and self-governance;
- to identify and recommend future projects and programs for the Tribe that, upon implementation, would eliminate, reduce or otherwise mitigate the vulnerability of the Tribe’s people, property, natural resources and economic vitality which may result from impacts of future disasters;
- to guide future economic planning and development to include natural hazard risk assessment as a component of future economic planning and development; and
- to promote a disaster resilient community.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

The Tribe's plan objectives include, but are not limited to:

- Focusing on risk assessment to keep future developments outside of known hazard areas;
- Protecting culturally and historically significant Tribal sites and resources;
- Increasing mitigation and emergency management capabilities for the Tribe; and
- Supporting local and regional mitigation efforts that do not conflict with the Tribe's Mitigation Goals.

## **STRATEGIES:**

In keeping with the above listed goals, the Tribe plans to use the following mitigation strategies:

- Plan for redundancy of Tribal resources and facilities;
- Continue to plan and build Tribal structures to highest standards and, if possible, to keep such structures out of known hazard areas;
- Develop and maintain an Emergency Management Program and overall Tribal Emergency Operations Plan;
- Maintain flood and earthquake insurance coverage for existing Tribal facilities and housing which are located within a known hazard area, with future evaluation whether it remains prudent to maintain said insurance (cost benefit ratio);
- Identify Tribal elders and other vulnerable populations so mitigation and disaster assistance can be prioritized;
- Educate members of the Tribal community and Tribal employees regarding importance of personal and/or family preparedness, for natural disasters and/or terrorism to aid in self reliance during a disaster or event;
- Develop hazard awareness and emergency information for Tribal employees, guests and tourists;
- Conduct drills and tests of mitigation and emergency system developed;
- Continue to coordinate with City, County and State in mitigation efforts;
- Support State and County mitigation actions and exercises.