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SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE TO UPDATE THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Squaxin Island Tribe is embarking on a planning process to prepare for impacts of natural disasters. Responding to federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390), the Squaxin Island Tribe will update its 2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan to enhance resilience throughout the Reservation and Tribal Planning Area.

This planning process is being led by Kelly Guy, Emergency Manager for the Squaxin Island Tribe, with support from Beverly O'Dea of Bridgeview Consulting, LLC, the hired technical consultant. The planning process will take approximately nine months to complete.

During this process, tribal members, employees, and local citizens will be asked to contribute by sharing knowledge of the area's vulnerability to hazards based on past occurrences. Public involvement will be solicited via a multi-media campaign that will include public meetings, web-based information, questionnaires, maps, and updates on the plan's progress via a website. This process will be directed by a Planning Team made up of representatives from the Tribe and other stakeholders from within the planning area as deemed necessary by the Tribe. This Hazard Mitigation Planning Team will meet as needed throughout the process. Notice of the date, time and location of these meetings will be posted on the Tribe's website.

An informational website on the plan and supporting information will be established on the Squaxin Island Tribe's Website at <https://squaxinland.org/community/emergency-operations/hazard-mitigation-plan/>

This website will serve as the primary means of gaining information on the plan and ways that individuals can participate in the planning process. Tribal Members and the public are highly encouraged to provide input on all phases of this plan's development.

Any questions or comments regarding this process are encouraged and should be directed to Kelly Guy, Emergency Manager at 360-463-8505, email: kguy@squaxin.us or to Bev O'Dea, Bridgeview Consulting, LLC at (253) 301-1330 or email: bevodea@bridgeviewconsulting.org

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