



Survey Questions:

* 1. Please tell us where you live

- Unincorporated San Jacinto County
- City of Coldspring
- City of Point Blank
- City of Shepherd

Other (please specify)

2. Please select the hazard you think is the **highest threat** to you, your business and/or your community. (Please check only one)

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| <input type="radio"/> Floods | <input type="radio"/> Hailstorm |
| <input type="radio"/> Wildfire | <input type="radio"/> Hurricane |
| <input type="radio"/> Tornado | <input type="radio"/> Thunderstorms |
| <input type="radio"/> Drought | <input type="radio"/> Severe winter storms |
| <input type="radio"/> Dam failure | <input type="radio"/> Lightning |
| <input type="radio"/> Expansive soils | <input type="radio"/> Windstorm |
| <input type="radio"/> Extreme heat | <input type="radio"/> Earthquake |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | |

3. Please select the hazard you think is the **second highest threat** to you, your business and/or your community. (Please check only one)

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| <input type="radio"/> Floods | <input type="radio"/> Hailstorm |
| <input type="radio"/> Wildfire | <input type="radio"/> Hurricane |
| <input type="radio"/> Tornado | <input type="radio"/> Thunderstorms |
| <input type="radio"/> Drought | <input type="radio"/> Severe winter storms |
| <input type="radio"/> Dam failure | <input type="radio"/> Windstorms |
| <input type="radio"/> Expansive soil | <input type="radio"/> Lightning |
| <input type="radio"/> Extreme heat | <input type="radio"/> Earthquake |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | |

4. While living here in San Jacinto County, have you experienced a disaster? (please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Floods | <input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire | <input type="checkbox"/> Thunderstorms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tornado | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe winter storms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drought | <input type="checkbox"/> Windstorms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dam failure | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansive soils | <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme heat | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hailstorm | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

5. Which of the following are likely to occur in your area at least *once* in your lifetime? (please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Floods | <input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire | <input type="checkbox"/> Thunderstorms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tornado | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe winter storms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drought | <input type="checkbox"/> Windstorms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dam failure | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansive soils | <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme heat | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hailstorm | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

6. My household has a plan in the event of a disaster such as a flood, tornado, etc.

- Yes, we have practiced the plan
- Yes, we but we have not practiced the plan
- No, but we kind of know what to do
- No, we have no idea what to do

7. Is your home located in a floodplain?

- Yes
- No
- I Don't Know

8. Do you have flood insurance?

- Yes
- No
- I Don't Know

9. If you do not have flood insurance, why not?

- Never really considered it
- Not necessary because I'm elevated or otherwise protected
- Too expensive
- Not located in floodplain

10. How concerned are you about the possibility of you or your community being impacted by a disaster?

- Extremely concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Not concerned

11. Have you taken any actions to make your home, business and/or community more resistant to hazards?

- Yes
- No

12. If "Yes", please described the action you have taken:

13. Are you interested in making your home, business and/or community more resistant to hazards?

- Yes
- No

14. What is the most effective way for you to receive information about how to make your home, business and/or community more resistant to hazards?

- Newspaper
- Television
- Radio
- Other (please specify)
- Internet
- Mail
- Public workshops/meetings

15. Which of the following would be the best way to alert you and your household to an imminent disaster?

- TV Report
- Internet / (county or city website)
- text or e-mail
- Other (please specify)
- Facebook / Twitter / Or other social media
- All of the Above

16. Which of the following mitigation activities do you believe your local government should employ to reduce or eliminate the risk of future hazard damages in your neighborhood and/or community. (Please check all that apply)

- Retrofit and strengthen essential facilities such as police, fire, emergency medical services, hospitals, schools, etc.
- Replace inadequate or vulnerable bridges and roads.
- Retrofit infrastructure, such as elevating roadways and improving drainage systems.
- Work on improving the damage resistance of utilities (electricity, communications, water / wastewater facilities, etc.).
- Install or improve protective structures, such as floodwalls and levees or individual/community saferooms.
- Buyout flood prone properties and maintain as open-space.
- Other (please specify)
- Strengthen codes, ordinances, and plans to require higher hazard risk management standards.
- Provide better information about hazard risk and high-hazard areas.
- Inform property owners of ways they can mitigate damage to their properties.
- Assist vulnerable property owners with securing funding to mitigate impacts to their property(s).
- None

17. Are there any other issues regarding the reduction of risk and loss associated with hazards or disasters in the community that you think are important?

18. *Prevention of Hazards* is any administrative or regulatory action that influences the way land is developed and buildings are built. Some examples include planning and zoning, building codes, open space prevention, and flood plain regulation. *Please rank how important you believe it is for your community to pursue the prevention of hazards .*

- Very Important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

19. Reducing community risks from hazards can also include *property protection*. This involves actions that involve the modification of existing buildings to protect them from a hazard or removal from the hazard area. Examples include acquisition, relocation, elevations, structural retrofits and storm shutters. *How important is it to you that your community should pursue property protection?*

- Very Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important

20. Reducing community risks from hazards can also include *natural resource protection*. This kind of protection is in addition to minimizing hazard losses, preserve or restoring the functions of natural systems. Some examples include flood plain protection, habitat preservation, slope stabilization, riparian buffers and forest management. *Do you believe this is important for your community to pursue? Please rank below.*

- Very Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important

21. *Structural Projects* can also help to reduce hazards. These actions are intended to lessen the impact of a hazard by modifying the natural progression of the hazard. Examples include dams, levees, seawalls, detention/retention basins, channel modifications, retaining walls and storm sewers. *Do you believe this is important for your community to pursue? Please rank below.*

- Very Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important

22. *Emergency Services* are actions that protect people and property during and immediately after a hazard event. Some examples include warning systems, evacuation planning, emergency planning, emergency response training and protection of critical emergency facilities/system. *Do you believe this is important for your community to pursue? Please rank below.*

- Very Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important

23. *Public Education and Awareness* are actions to inform citizens about hazards and the techniques they can use to protect themselves and their property. Examples include outreach projects, school education programs, library materials and demonstration events. *Do you believe this is important for your community to pursue? Please rank below.*

- Very Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important

24. If you would like to be notified of upcoming public meetings for the San Jacinto County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, please leave your name and email below. Thank you for your time!

Name:

25. e-mail:

HARDCOPY SURVEYS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SAN JACINTO COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AT 51 E. PINE AVENUE, COLDSRING, TX 77331, or oem@san-jac.us.