

Risk MAP: Resilience Meeting Models

WHAT IS A RISK MAP RESILIENCE MEETING?

The Resilience Meeting is the final meeting in FEMA’s Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP) process. This meeting combines building-level analyses of hazard impacts with available resources. Information about FEMA programs, technical and administrative expertise from the State, and local knowledge of capacity is shared in an effort to help local communities identify high-priority risk-reduction actions, and connect those actions to appropriate funding mechanisms. Before the Resilience Meeting, FEMA holds a webinar to review the content and results of the Risk Assessment, which helps prepare attendees for the Resilience Meeting.

WHAT INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AT THE RESILIENCE MEETING?

During the first portion of Resilience Meetings, State and Federal staff provide presentations covering:

- The Risk MAP Process Overview
- Hazard Data
- Risk Assessment Results
- Mitigation Actions
- Potential Funding Opportunities

In the second portion of Resilience Meetings, communities work with State and Federal staff to discuss local hazard concerns, mitigation priorities, implementation timelines, and funding opportunities.

HOW ARE RESILIENCE MEETINGS ORGANIZED?

Region X has used two distinct models for organizing Resilience Meetings, but meetings can and should be tailored to meet the needs of each individual community. The primary differences between the existing models are detailed below.

	COMMUNITY-BASED DISCUSSION MODEL	SUBJECT-SPECIFIC DISCUSSION MODEL
ELECTED OFFICIALS	Each county holds a separate hour-long elected-officials briefing, usually in the morning before the Resilience Meeting.	Elected officials are invited to the Resilience Meeting along with other stakeholders.
BREAKOUT SESSIONS	Each community is assigned an individual facilitator; staff from jurisdictions work with the facilitator to identify ways to leverage Risk MAP data, maps, and analyses to reduce risk and high-priority actions. Subject matter experts float between groups as needed. At the conclusion of the meeting, groups report out on their discussions and next steps for identified actions.	Staff from each community are divided into five groups. Groups rotate between tables for short discussions about Hazard Mitigation Assistance, Natural Hazard Data & Mapping, Hazard Mitigation Plan Maintenance and Integration, Floodplain Management, and Low Impact Development & Green Infrastructure. At the conclusion of the meeting, groups report out on their discussions and next steps for identified actions.