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Safety Element - Adaptation

- Climate change adaptation is now required in Safety Elements
  - Safety element is the statutory “home”
  - Supports incorporation in to other areas
  - Encourages cross-linkages and co-benefits

- Some distinct actions:
  - Review existing plans (gap analysis)
  - Assess community vulnerability
  - Create a set of goals, policies and objectives
  - Create a set of “feasible” implementation measures
  - Implement measures

- Timeline considerations:
  - Update at the next LHMP update OR by 1/2022 if no LHMP;
  - Using an adaptation plan, climate action plan or general plan;
  - Suggestion to use the Housing Element to align updates (like fire and flood);
  - Leverage State funding opportunities.
Cal-Adapt.org and the Adaptation Planning Guide

Exploring California's Climate Change Research
Cal-Adapt provides a view of how climate change might affect California. Find tools, data, and resources to develop adaptation plans and build applications.

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Next Steps

• Focused workshops and technical assistance on request;
• Collection of case studies – ICARP Adaptation Clearinghouse;
• Partnership with CivicSpark, ARCCA, others to pilot plans, policies, and programs;
• Integration of GP requirements into base requirements for grants and funding from the State;
• Ongoing improvement in data, guidance, and alignment;
• Update to the Adaptation Planning Guide;
• Ongoing updates to Cal-Adapt.org and ongoing research;
• Contact Michael.McCormick@opr.ca.gov for more information.