Leveraging Other Agencies Through the Mitigation Advisor

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The Role of the Mitigation Advisor

Disaster vs Steady State

- What is my role
- Who do I work for
- Who do I support
- Who is my customer
- My current activities
- What’s in the future
During Disasters Operations

- Coordinate with other Federal, Tribal and State partners on mitigation intersects with FEMA Mitigation

- Supports NDRF/IRC activities with FEMA Mitigation resources
  - EPA/Sustainability activities – with Floodplain Management & Insurance and Risk Analysis (RA)
  - HSS activities – with Grants and Plans
  - EDA activities – with FMI and RA
  - Identify and develop products that assist other partners in the recovery effort

- Explore mitigation resources and potentials from other State, Tribal and Federal activities that may expand the Mitigation Division’s efforts
  - Funding coordinations
  - Program collaborations
  - Project assessments collaborations
  - Outreach, training and workshop support
During Steady State Operations

- Explore Mitigation interests and intersections. Establish/expand connections with other Federal, Tribal, State partners and local communities

- Support Region 6 and HQ Mitigation Division’s strategies and activities
  - FMI’s Community Assistance Visits
  - RA’s Data/Mapping Products
  - Grants – Disaster and Non-disaster funding
  - Hazard Mitigation and Flood Management Plans
  - Other initiatives - Green Infrastructures opportunities

- Support State, Tribal and other Federal partners’ initiatives and activities
  - Silver Jackets
  - Federal and State coordination
Current Efforts and Activities Highlights

- **Texas Recovery Interagency Project Funding Group (TRIP)**
  - Federal agency members – DOI, EDA, EPA, FEMA, HUD, NPS, USACE, USDA RD
  - Texas agency members – Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Services, Commission on Environmental Quality, Department of Agriculture, Department of Emergency Management, General Land Office, Governor’s Office, Historical Commission, Parks & Wildlife Department, Water Development Board
  - Philanthropy & Private Sector members – Rebuild Texas, OneStar Foundation, Communities Unlimited
  - Over 1,000 projects were reviewed for funding potential
  - Funding and coordination success - City of West Orange WWTP awarded by EDA $5 Million
  - Emergency Generators for Critical Facilities funded by the Office of the Governor - Homeland Security Grant Program
  - Water Infrastructure projects for City of Kenedy and Matagorda County reviewed by TWDB and USDA RD in partnership with applicants

- Supported EPA’s Urban Water and Non-Point Source program initiatives
- Supporting State of Louisiana’s Watershed Initiatives
- Develop inter-agency flood mitigation support strategy for the State of Arkansas
What is in the Future?

- Assist the State to transform project funding coordination meetings into State’s funding sub-committee for continued coordination and leveraging of all mitigation funds available.
- Continue working with Federal and State partners to explore funding opportunities and project alignment for the local communities.
- Develop and expand outreach with State and Federal partners on program requirements and project developments.
- Continue advancing the floodplain management strategy with State and Federal partners by supporting activities with the most current floodplain data and GIS products.