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FOLLOW-UP NOTES

1st COMMUNITY-INSPIRED MONTAGUE RESILIENCE PLANNING MEETING

November 5, 2019 – 6:00 to 8:30 PM ~ Montague City Hall ~ 230 S. 13th Street, Montague, CA

“I valued seeing the community come together.” “I valued the open mindedness of the attendees.”

“I am wanting to make the commitment to bring someone else to the next meeting in January.”

Participant Comments

Invited Attendees: Approx. 29 Attendees - Citizens of Montague Area, Montague Resilience Leadership Team, All Interested Parties – County and Foundation Representatives – See below for participant list.

Outcomes for 1st Community Meeting:

- Everyone Oriented to the Full Scope Community Inspired Resilience Planning Project
- Existing Regional Resiliency Strengths Identified
- Regional Reality (context) Mapping Together
- Community Survey update shared

What is Resilience?

It describes the capacity to function so that the people living and working in the Montague community survive and thrive no matter what stresses or shocks they encounter. Particularly the poor and vulnerable.

PARKING LOT & NEXT STEPS:

- ☐ Next Community Meeting – January – Date to be decided – we will let everyone know
- ☐ New survey to go out to larger segment of community (include post office)
- ☐ Meeting in January may not be soon enough – (maybe we could meet together in between formal planning meetings) Meeting schedule works for leadership/organizer schedules.
- ☐ Request all meeting participants to spread the good word about the planning and community building meetings
- ☐ **Heads-up - 2nd Meeting Desired Outcomes/Agenda topics:**
 - Review Community 1st Meeting - Highlights
 - Create Montague's Vision for Region & Resilience
 - Create Montague Prioritized Needs - recovery systems, more integration, etc. in these dimensions
 - Dimension 1: Leadership, Communication, and Planning
 - Dimension 2: Infrastructure and Environment
 - Dimension 3: Economy and Society
 - Dimension 4: Health and Well-being
 - 1st draft of Prioritized Initiatives/Actions to build Action Game plans around Identified (if time)

“Let’s All Envision a Resilient Future Together...”

PARTICIPANT RESPONSE TO “WHAT WAS MOST VALUABLE TO YOU PERSONALLY ABOUT THIS MEETING”:

- ☐ I appreciated this meeting’s leadership
- ☐ Valued the positive energy in the room (want to bring more people next time)
- ☐ I valued people listening, being human [the quality of human connection was high]
- ☐ Discovering more what this process is
- ☐ Noticing the different things that make a community
- ☐ This village came together and I valued that
- ☐ Reconnecting with people
- ☐ I valued seeing the community come together
- ☐ Appreciating the open minds
- ☐ Seeing that we are here to help each other
- ☐ The structure of the meeting
- ☐ The community coming together with the same goals
- ☐ Meeting the leadership of the project
- ☐ Feeling the positive energy
- ☐ Wanting to make the commitment to bring someone else to the meeting next time [Jan]
- ☐ Finding out what resilience is
- ☐ I valued seeing people understanding – it is not one thing
- ☐ All the input
- ☐ Having the village come together
- ☐ Reconnection
- ☐ The open mindedness of attendees

PARTICIPANT RESPONSE AT THE END OF MEETING TO “WHAT ARE WE NOTICING ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY as REPRESENTED BY THOSE PRESENT?”

- ☐ We have common threads
- ☐ There is excitement and anticipation [about this project]
- ☐ People really listened to each other
- ☐ There was lots of energy together
- ☐ There was shared values and a positive approach
- ☐ We learned a lot from people who have lived in Montague region longer

REALITY CONTEXT MAP OF THE MONTAGUE COMMUNITY REGION – Participant responses in 4 small groups of approx. 8 people each. All responses compiled together. “Answer to what impacts us?”

The process taps into our experiences, roles, knowledge, and perspectives to develop a common understanding of the full scope of our town/region context in which we live, plan, work, and serve. We identified our strengths, needs, trends, current economic climate, political factors, technology factors, and our uncertainties so we can better plan for Resilience together.

MONTAGUE COMMUNITY STRENGTHS

Group 1:

- ☐ Natural beauty
- ☐ Our history and museum
- ☐ Agriculture – community resource center
- ☐ Fire department, good volunteers, great equipment and strong current leadership [Captain]
- ☐ School system
- ☐ Great bones.... City Hall, etc.

Group 2:

- ☐ Small town atmosphere
- ☐ History/generational
- ☐ Clean environment
- ☐ Museum
- ☐ Accessible government
- ☐ general communication/personal relationships
- ☐ Sense of community/pride
- ☐ Fire department
- ☐ Services – Tire/welding/restaurant/yoga
- ☐ Location/access to major thru ways I-5
- ☐ Airport
- ☐ Pool

Group 3:

- ☐ Success of water source – steps put in place (the response)
- ☐ Space and openness – MES
- ☐ Low crime
- ☐ Events
- ☐ Park/pool
- ☐ Beauty of region
- ☐ Ag land
- ☐ Natural resources
- ☐ The HUB

COMMUNITY NEEDS & DESIRES

Group 1:

- ☐ More opportunities to meet and connect
- ☐ Railroad update
- ☐ More basic businesses (food laundry, groceries, etc.)
- ☐ Affordable housing
- ☐ Events for fun
- ☐ Improved publicity and marketing
- ☐ Off – grid living
- ☐ Public transportation
- ☐ Curb appeal and improvement

Group 2:

- ☐ Need for more participation – community involvement
- ☐ More economic development
- ☐ Infrastructure needs – water, sewer, roads
- ☐ Walking community trails
- ☐ Better relationship w/railroad RR
- ☐ Affordable housing
- ☐ Affordable child care
- ☐ Addressing mental health/substance abuse
- ☐ Wildlife mitigation
- ☐ Residential development

Group 3:

- ☐ We need more businesses
- ☐ Food source/community garden
- ☐ Farmers market
- ☐ Communication
- ☐ Volunteers
- ☐ Lifeguards (idea - older applicants with time and experience can help]
- ☐ Clean up

POLITICAL FACTORS**Group 1:**

- ☐ Fear of division
- ☐ Budget opp.
- ☐ Needs more participation

Group 2:

- ☐ We have a council that cares
- ☐ Lack of community involvement

Group 3:

- ☐ Touchy/hard to talk about
- ☐ Politics can become personal fast
- ☐ Council promotes and puts on events
- ☐ Money
- ☐ City government (election)

ECONOMIC CLIMATE FACTORS**Group 1:**

- ☐ That we have uncertainties
- ☐ Budget – growth opportunities
- ☐ We are off the beaten path
- ☐ Depressed

Group 2:

- ☐ Hopeful for improvement in growth & potential for economic growth
- ☐ There are opportunities for grants
- ☐ Aging populations
- ☐ Encourage industrial park development

Group 3:

- ☐ Own economy?
- ☐ Off I-5, no traffic
- ☐ Blocks in development (zoning regulations) [Amount of time it takes to zone]
- ☐ Anything goes
- ☐ No building department

FUTURE TRENDS AND CHANGES COMING**Group 1:**

- ☐ New businesses needed – more to be attracted
- ☐ Community Gardens
- ☐ Solar and wind energy coming
- ☐ 5 Mary's Packing facility

Group 2:

- ☐ More solar
- ☐ Energy independence
- ☐ More emphasis on sustainability
- ☐ More public transportation
- ☐ Growing cottage industries

Group 3:

- ☐ Less regulation
- ☐ Partnerships [funding tends to follow those that partner with other organizations]
- ☐ Integration
- ☐ Growing social media impact
- ☐ Money
- ☐ Less and less resources available from the County

TECHNOLOGY FACTORS**Group 1:**

- ☐ Lack of it
- ☐ Solar & alternative energy opportunities

Group 2:

- ☐ Technology available at public venues (school/library)
- ☐ Good quality water

Group 3:

- ☐ Need for more internet – Wi-Fi
- ☐ Communication [systems]

OUR UNCERTAINTIES

Group 1:

- ☐ Climate change impact
- ☐ Drought
- ☐ Dams [removal or not, and what happens if they are removed]
- ☐ Not knowing your neighbor

Group 2:

- ☐ Value of response for 2020 census
- ☐ Dam removal
- ☐ Weather
- ☐ Agriculture uncertain
- ☐ Sources of funding to keep the city going

Group 3:

- ☐ Zoning
- ☐ Taxes
- ☐ School & building fees
- ☐ Money (funding)
- ☐ Ownership
- ☐ Homeless

PARTICIPANT RESPONSE TO “WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST OR PRIORITY FOR TONIGHT (PROJECT):

(Note to participants reading this – if you feel/think your interests/comments were not represented below please let us know – Seata Madison, Great Northern Services • (530) 938-4115 Ext. 113

- ☐ I want to find out what other’s interests and goals are
- ☐ Citizen priorities
- ☐ To find out what community needs are to be represented better
- ☐ I want good planning in place
- ☐ Want planning connected to County resources
- ☐ What are the number of different thoughts of our citizens
- ☐ I want to see cottage industry involvement (like mine)
- ☐ Include new paradigms in plan
- ☐ Improve communication in city
- ☐ Aging in a great place – plan it
- ☐ Making sure little Shasta is included
- ☐ Community building – social aspects paid attention to
- ☐ Food farming and farmers markets in planning
- ☐ Keep Montague going
- ☐ Lessen road blocks in development on personal land
- ☐ See how Cal-Fire fits in the plan
- ☐ Listen for opportunities to support community
- ☐ Meet people and learn about them
- ☐ I am interested in off-grid, tiny home alternatives, and farming
- ☐ Themes for people who want to afford smaller homes
- ☐ Management
- ☐ Better town to live in
- ☐ What to do in case of emergency?
- ☐ Emergency planning using the community [and communication systems]

- ☐ Curiosity – I have only lived here a year
- ☐ Importance of things for kids to do
- ☐ Housing

AGENDA

6:00 PM Welcome & Meeting Start-UP - GNS & Resilience Planning Project Purpose

- Check-in & Introductions
- Overview: Scope & Timeline of The Montague Community Resilience Planning Project - Q & A
- What is our Community Wisdom about Where We Live?
 - Consider these Dimensions/Topic Areas for Your Insights:
 - Dimension 1: Leadership, Communication, and Planning
 - Dimension 2: Infrastructure and Environment
 - Dimension 3: Economy and Society
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7:30 Break

7:45 Community Survey Results Shared & Added To

8:10 Wrap Up & Next Steps/Meetings

8:30 Adjourn & Thank You!

HANDOUTS

Agenda

Survey Results

Montague Community Inspired Resilience Project Overview & Timeline

Plan Outline

GROUND RULES FOR GREAT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- Everyone participates, no one dominates
- All ideas and comments valid, none invalid
- One person talks at a time
- Call time out anytime for more clarity and to slow things down
- Hard on issues, soft on people
- Cell phones on quiet – Thank you.

Community Meetings - Desired Outcomes/Topics

Overall Desired Outcomes for the End of All 3 Meetings:

- A Draft Vision, Plan, & Action Priorities are identified for Montague in Order to Thrive Before and in the Wake of Stresses and Shocks
- Community wisdom shared on how to ensure Montague's stability and resilience as a community in the future.
- Our Community is Strengthened Through Open Communication, Clarity, & Planning Together

☐ 1st Meeting Outcomes:

- Full Scope Community Inspired Resilience Planning Project Orientation
- Existing Regional Resiliency Strengths Identified
- Regional Context Mapping (identify potential threats/challenges/trends, political climate, economic climate, uncertainties, values & needs of residents. etc.) -
- Survey results shared and priorities built on

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☐ **3rd Meeting Desired Outcomes:**

- Review Meeting 1st & 2nd Community Meetings - Highlights
- Identify 2nd draft of Key Resiliency Actions to meet goals (prioritize)
- Create Community Resiliency ACTION GAMEPLANS
 - Identify Top Activities/Recovery Systems/Resources/Timelines needed to carry out actions

PARTICIPANT LIST

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- ☐ Project Planning Lead: Marie-Josée Wells, Executive Director GNS
- ☐ Project Facilitator: Di Strachan, Positive Futures Owner & GNS Development Consultant

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1st Community Meeting (20) Participants:

- ☐ Sheryl Rooks
- ☐ Nicholas Kruger
- ☐ Eliana Jantz
- ☐ Spirit Lount
- ☐ Sarah Adams
- ☐ Darryl Laws
- ☐ Meredith Miller
- ☐ Crystal Aston
- ☐ Teresa Newton
- ☐ Audra Beylik
- ☐ Heidi Martin
- ☐ Jeff Macklin
- ☐ Michele Ketterer
- ☐ Nina Holzer
- ☐ Barbara Soule'
- ☐ Deborah-Ann Blackbird-Carlson
- ☐ Sheila Eckel
- ☐ Vince Moser
- ☐ Ronda Moser
- ☐ Shelley Solis