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***County in Final Stage of Mitigation Planning
-Public Meeting to Review Plans on November 10-***

Santa Rosa County is in the final step of drafting two mitigation plans, a five year comprehensive update to the local mitigation strategy multi-hazard plan and the flood mitigation plan. A public presentation of both plans will be made on Tuesday, November 10 at 6 p.m. in the board room of the Santa Rosa County Administrative Center located at 6495 Caroline Street in Milton. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting to comment and make recommendations on the draft plans. Both plan drafts will be available on the county's Website beginning Friday, November 6 at <http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/lmsc/index.html>. After final public input is collected, the plans will be submitted and reviewed by the state and FEMA. Once approved, the plans will be adopted and implemented by the county.

The flood mitigation plan, which will be integrated into the multi-hazard plan, was developed by the flood mitigation plan task force with CRS Max Consultants, is the county's first ever stand alone flood mitigation plan. The local mitigation strategy task force worked to complete the update to the local mitigation strategy multi-hazard plan. Planning efforts have been underway since November 2008.

Both plans were developed using FEMA's 10-step process:

1. Organize to prepare the plan
2. Involve the public
3. Coordinate with other agencies
4. Assess the hazard
5. Assess the problem
6. Set goals
7. Review possible activities
8. Draft an action plan
9. Adopt the plan
10. Implement, evaluate and revise

For more information about the county's mitigation planning efforts, please contact Sheila Harris, Grants & Special Projects Coordinator at (850) 983-1848 or sheilah@santarosa.fl.gov.

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