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**Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meeting on February 13, 2020**

Cameron County will hold a public meeting on February 13, 2020 to gather public input for developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Plan includes Cameron County, Harlingen, and Palm Valley. The meeting is at 5:30 p.m. at the Harlingen City Hall, 118 East Tyler, Harlingen, TX 78550. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide a project overview from H2O Partners, Inc., consultant to the project, and solicit information from citizens. Public input will help the project team to identify and analyze potential hazards affecting residents and recommend possible actions to reduce their impact. Hazards can include floods, tornadoes, wildfires, thunderstorms, and other major disasters.

The goal of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards by identifying and implementing cost-effective mitigation actions. Mitigation is defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects.

Questions about the Hazard Mitigation Plan should be addressed to H2O Partners, Inc., planning consultants for Cameron County; Attn: Heather Ferrara, Project Manager by email at heather@h2opartnersusa.com.