

MEMORANDUM

TO: GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council Members
GRADD Judges and Mayors

FROM: Charlie Shields
Chairman

DATE: March 28, 2011

SUBJECT: GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council Meeting

Congratulations! Thanks to your ongoing commitment to hazard mitigation planning and the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council, FEMA recently approved the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The updated plan took effect on January 31, 2011, and it covers all jurisdictions in the GRADD region.

To celebrate this accomplishment and to discuss future implementation of the plan update, I would like to invite you to a day of hazard mitigation events. On **April 13, 2011**, GRADD will host a press conference to formally announce FEMA's approval of the plan update. Following the press conference, the GRADD Board of Directors will meet, welcoming Leslie Mahoney, State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO), as the special invited guest. The GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council will meet following lunch. Below is the full schedule of events:

10:00 AM Press Conference
10:30 AM GRADD Board Meeting (special invited guest Leslie Mahoney, SHMO)
12:00 PM Lunch (at the GRADD Office)
1:00 PM GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council meeting

Please find enclosed the agenda for the **April 13, 2011**, GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council meeting. During this meeting, GRADD staff will provide an overview of the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, and we will consider the possibilities for plan implementation. In addition, we will discuss some best practices in hazard mitigation planning.

Your attendance and participation are essential as we strive to ensure that the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Plan Update persists as a living document. I encourage you to attend and urge you to invite all interested individuals within your community. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Misty Sampson at mistysampson@gradd.com. Additionally, please return the enclosed RSVP card to the GRADD office by **Friday, April 8, 2011**. I understand that you might not be able to attend all of the day's events, so please carefully review and complete the RSVP card.

I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting.