



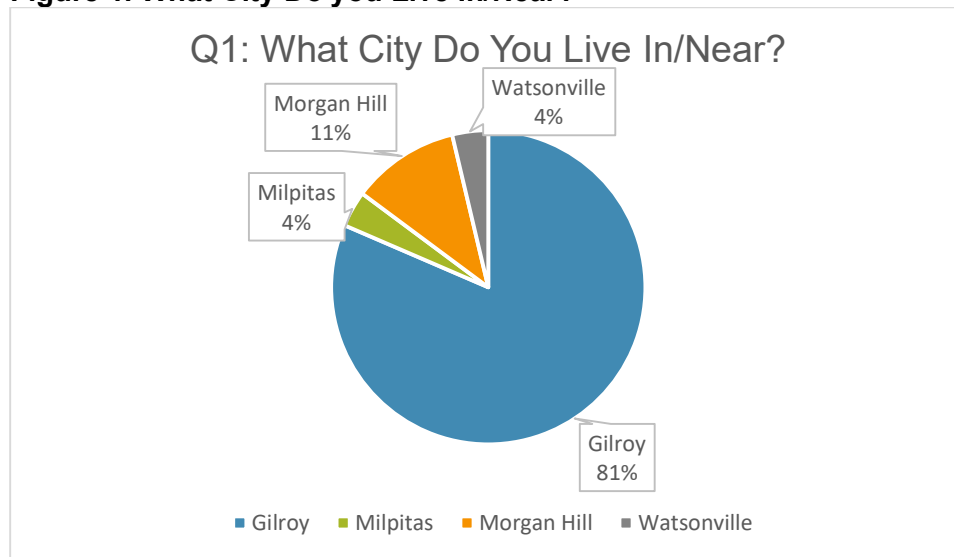
Summary

Safety Element Update Listening Session # 1: CARAS December 15, 2022 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Facilitators: Sam Gutierrez, Principal Planner, County of Santa Clara
Location: CARAS, Gilroy, CA

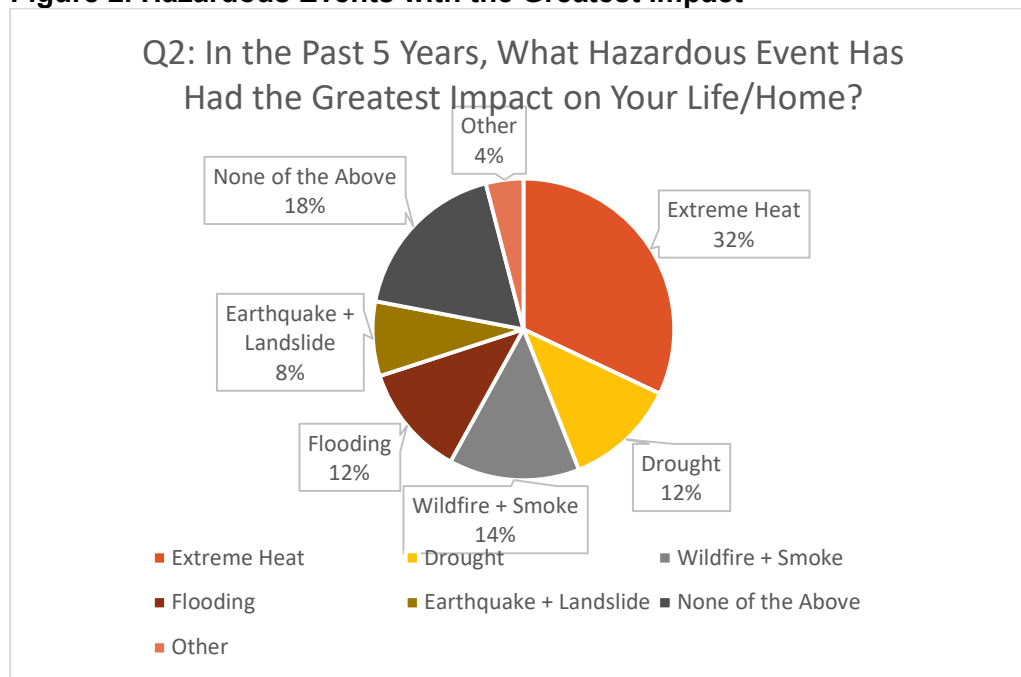
The Listening Session began with a poll to help the County better understand community demographics and experiences. As illustrated in *Figure 1. What City Do you Live In/Near?* A majority of residents live in or near Gilroy.

Figure 1. What City Do you Live In/Near?



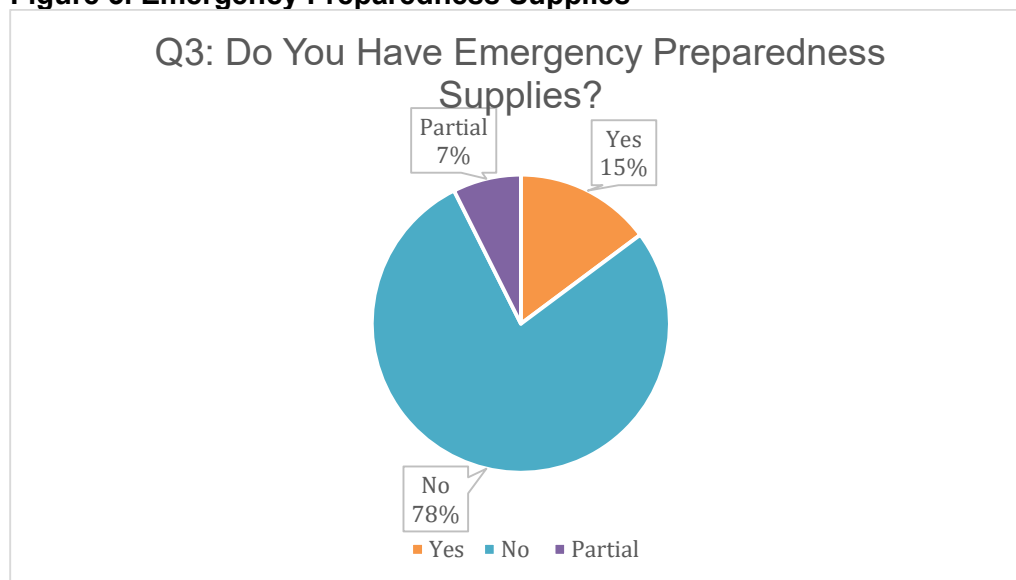
As illustrated in Figure 2. Hazardous Events with the Greatest Impact, participants have experienced a broad range of hazardous events with Extreme Heat the primary event. Drought, wildfire + smoke, and flooding were experienced by 14 percent of participants. 82 percent of all participants have experienced a hazardous event that has impacted their life or home in the past 5 years.

Figure 2. Hazardous Events with the Greatest Impact



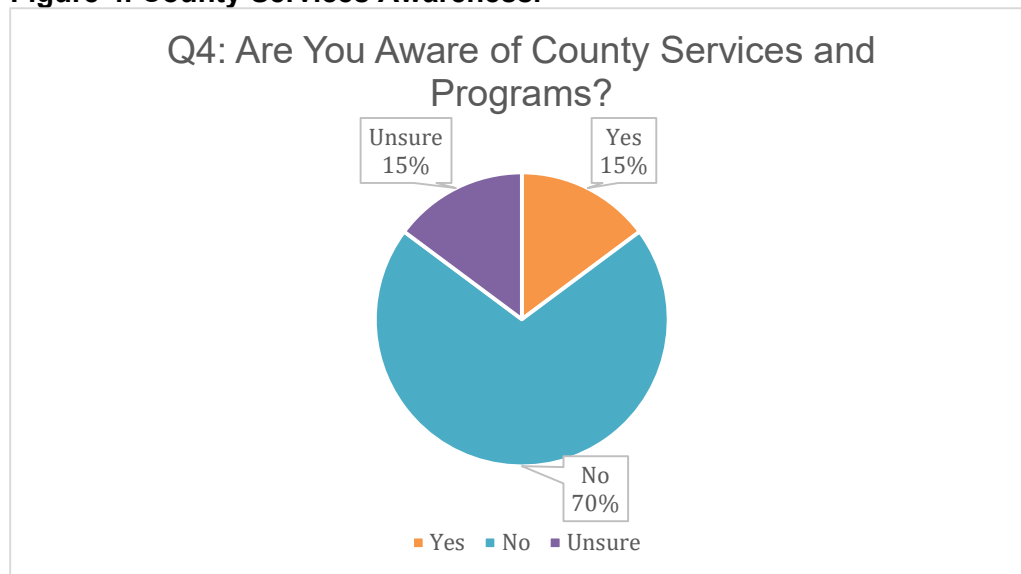
Approximately 4 out of 5 participants do not have a home emergency preparedness kit or supplies to support their household in the event of an emergency.

Figure 3. Emergency Preparedness Supplies



Finally, only 15 percent of participants were aware of County Services or Programs to support them prepare or respond to a hazardous event as illustrated in in Figure 4. County Services Awareness.

Figure 4. County Services Awareness.



County staff facilitated a interactive session where participants could respond to questions posted on whiteboards. The following are their responses.

1. What are your primary hazards of concern and why?

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¿Cuáles son los principales peligros que le preocupan y por qué?

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1. Extreme Heat / Calor extremo

- a. I do not have air conditioning in my home / No tengo aire acondicionado en mi casa
- b. I have air conditioning in my home, but cannot afford to run it during all heat events / Tengo aire acondicionado en mi casa, pero no puedo costearlo durante eventos de calor extremo
- c. I work outdoors / Trabajo al aire libre
- d. I have a family member or friends that work outdoors / Tengo un familiar o amigos que trabajan al aire libre
- e. No close access to a cooling facility such as a park, library, or community center / Las instalaciones del centro de enfriamiento, como parques, bibliotecas o centros comunitarios, no se encuentran cerca de mí
- f. There are cooling facilities such as a park, library, or community center in my community, but I don't have physical access or do not feel safe going. / Instalaciones de centros de enfriamiento, como un parque, bibliotecas o centros comunitarios en mi comunidad, pero no puedo viajar allí debido al acceso físico o problemas de seguridad

2. Drought / Sequía

- a. Plants are dying / Las plantas se están poniendo marrones y/o muriendo
- b. Financial hardship of increased water cost / El aumento de los costos del agua es un desafío para mí
- c. Water restrictions affect my health and well-being / Las restricciones de agua afectan mi salud y bienestar
- d. I work in agriculture or a related field and drought has led to less work / Trabajo en el sector agrícola y la sequía ha provocado menos trabajo

3. Wildfire + Smoke / Incendio forestal + Humo

- a. Injury to myself, family, friends / Lesión a mí mismo, familia, amigos
- b. Loss of home, car, belongings / Pérdida de casa, coche, pertenencias
- c. Don't have insurance to cover my belongings / No tengo seguro contra incendios para proteger mi propiedad y pertenencias
- d. I am sensitive to smoke and pollution / Soy sensible al humo y la contaminación del aire
- e. I have a family member or friends that are sensitive to smoke and pollution / Tengo un familiar o amigos que son sensibles al humo y la contaminación del aire
- f. Fear of not being able to escape wildfire / Miedo a no poder escapar de un incendio forestal
- g. Don't have information where to go during event of a wildfire evacuation / No sabe adónde ir durante un evento de evacuación por incendio forestal

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4. Flooding / Inundación

- a. Injury to myself, family, friends / Lesión a mí mismo, familia, amigos
- b. Loss of home, car, belongings / Pérdida de casa, coche, pertenencias
- c. Don't have insurance to cover my belongings / No tengo seguro contra inundaciones para proteger mi propiedad y pertenencias
- d. Fear of not being able to escape a flood / Miedo a no poder escapar de una inundación
- e. Don't have information where to go during event of a flooding evacuation / No sabe adónde ir durante un evento de evacuación por inundación

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Sticker counts for Flooding:

- a: 3 (Green, Purple, Red)
- b: 4 (Green, Yellow, Green, Pink)
- c: 5 (Green, Pink, Green, Blue, Red)
- d: 3 (Green, Green, Yellow)
- e: 5 (Green, Pink, Blue, Red, Red)



5. Earthquake + Landslide / Terremoto + Deslizamiento de tierra

- a. Injury to myself, family, friends / Lesión a mí mismo, familia, amigos
- b. Loss of home, car, belongings / Pérdida de casa, coche, pertenencias
- c. Don't have insurance to cover my belongings / No tengo seguro contra terremotos para proteger mi propiedad y pertenencias
- d. Fear of not being able to escape landslide / No sé si los peligros de deslizamientos de tierra son una preocupación para mi comunidad
- e. Don't have information where to go during event of an earthquake evacuation / No sabe qué hacer o adónde ir después de un terremoto

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Sticker counts for Earthquake + Landslide:

- a: 5 (Pink, Green, Purple, Yellow, Pink)
- b: 6 (Pink, Green, Red, Red, Pink, Green)
- c: 3 (Pink, Green, Green)
- d: 4 (Pink, Green, Green, Purple)
- e: 6 (Pink, Pink, Green, Green, Green, Yellow)

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c. I work outdoors / Trabajo al aire libre	0
d. I have a family member or friends that work outdoors / Tengo un familiar o amigos que trabajan al aire libre	7
e. No close access to a cooling facility such as a park, library, or community center / Las instalaciones del centro de enfriamiento, como parques, bibliotecas o centros comunitarios, no se encuentran cerca de mí	2
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a. Plants are dying / Las plantas se están poniendo marrones y/o muriendo	3
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¿Cuál de los siguientes se aplica a su hogar? Marque todo lo que corresponda.



a. My household can easily cover the cost of housing. / Mi hogar puede cubrir fácilmente el costo de la vivienda.

b. My household can easily cover other regular expenses like transportation, food, and healthcare. / Mi hogar puede cubrir fácilmente otros gastos regulares como transporte, comida y atención médica.

c. My household has spent more than \$100 in the past year on repairing damages caused by the environment or reducing potential impacts. / Mi hogar ha gastado más de \$100 el año pasado en reparar daños causados por peligros o reducir problemas futuros.

d. We have delayed repairs we want to do to our home (like roof, windows, mold) because of cost. / Hemos retrasado las reparaciones que queremos hacer en nuestra casa (como el techo, las ventanas, el moho) debido al costo.

e. We do not have but need flood insurance. / No tenemos pero necesitamos seguro contra inundaciones.

f. We do not have earthquake insurance. / No tenemos seguro contra terremotos.

g. If my household faced a \$400 emergency expense, we would not be able to immediately pay for it in cash. / Si mi hogar enfrentara un gasto de emergencia de \$400, no podríamos pagarlo inmediatamente en efectivo.

h. In order to pay a \$400 emergency expense, my household would have to pay with a credit card or borrow the money. / Para pagar un gasto de emergencia de \$400, mi hogar tendría que pagar con una tarjeta de crédito o pedir prestado el dinero.

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3. What information or materials would be helpful to make you feel safer in future hazardous events? / ¿Qué información o materiales serían útiles para que se sienta más seguro en futuros eventos peligrosos?

a. Emergency alerts / Alertas de emergencia

b. Know evacuation routes / Conoce las rutas de evacuación

c. Items to keep in an emergency preparedness kit / Artículos para tener en un kit de preparación para emergencias

d. What to do with pets / Que hacer con las mascotas

e. Where are shelters or temporary cooling centers / Donde se ubican albergues o centros de enfriamiento temporal

4. What County resources or programs (e.g., fire safety) would be helpful to prepare you for future hazardous events? / ¿Qué recursos o programas del condado (p. ej., seguridad contra incendios) serían útiles para prepararlo para futuros eventos peligrosos?

a. Phone app that provides alerts / Aplicación de teléfono que proporciona alertas

b. Information about financial resources or services to support preparedness / Información sobre recursos financieros o servicios para apoyar la preparación

c. Written information provided in my language spoken / Información escrita proporcionada en mi idioma hablado

d. The ability to call someone at the County for support in my language / La capacidad de llamar a alguien en el condado para obtener apoyo en mi idioma

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5. Which of the following would you prioritize for neighborhood improvements?

¿Cuál de los siguientes priorizaría para las mejoras del vecindario?

a. Improved transit infrastructure (bus stops, signs, benches) / Infraestructura de tránsito mejorada (paradas de autobús, letreros, bancos)

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b. Safer biking routes / Rutas ciclistas más seguras

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c. Pedestrian safety (sidewalks, crosswalks, speed bumps) / Rutas peatonales más seguras (aceras, cruces peatonales, badenes)

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d. Improved water supply (safe drinking, firefighting) / Mejor suministro de agua (bebida segura, extinción de incendios)

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e. Flood barriers / Barreras contra inundaciones

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f. Security cameras for safety and dumping / Cámaras de seguridad para seguridad y vertido

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g. More or improved parks / Más parques o mejorados

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h. Improved roads (potholes) / Carreteras mejoradas (baches)

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i. Air quality monitoring / Monitoreo de la calidad del aire

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j. Cool and clean air shelters (community center) / Centros de enfriamiento/refugios de aire limpio (centro comunitario)

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General comments:

- Participants expressed some frustration that the County does not engage with the South County communities enough.
- Many questions about how the County is letting people in general know about hazards, specifically flood zones and flooding risks, and how are we specifically reaching out to farm worker camps.
- County was reminded that mailing the property owner (directly or through water bill, etc.) does not always provide information to renters or temporary residents.
- A request that the public review phase of the Safety Element include a meeting in the South County.
- One question about noxious fumes from a sewage plant impacting a neighborhood.
- Advance Earthquake warning system should be in place
- Flood area warning system for the public within the areas that are known to flood regularly.
- Air quality issues and evacuation for farm workers. The recent fires showed that the farm workers were not given notices for evacuations or poor air quality like the homeowners in the new housing tracks.