Columbia County
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Columbia County, PA

Kick-off Meeting

November 10, 2015

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Overview
- Hazard Mitigation Planning Process
  - 6 Step Planning Process
  - All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Components and Existing Plan Review
- Stakeholder Participation
  - Task #1: Capability Assessment Survey
  - Task #2: Evaluation of Identified Hazard and Risk
  - Task #3: NFIP Survey
  - Task #4: Mitigation Action Plan Review Worksheet
- Planning Timeline
- Question and Answer Session

Project Overview

What is Hazard Mitigation?

- Hazard mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property resulting from natural and human-made hazards.

Project Overview

What is a Mitigation Plan?

- A Mitigation Plan is a community-driven, living document that communities use to reduce their vulnerability to hazards.

Project Overview

Why Have a Mitigation Plan?

- Communities must have a plan to apply for and receive mitigation grants. These grants can augment local mitigation activities already being done. Ultimately, these actions reduce vulnerability, and communities are able to recover more quickly from disasters.

Project Overview
Primary Objectives

- Reconvene the Planning Team and facilitate public involvement.
- Assess current conditions, risks, and capabilities that exist within the county.
- Generate and deliver county hazard mitigation plan with FEMA's approval, pending community adoption.

Project Overview
Local Requirements

- Attend Meetings
- Provide valuable local information
- Actively participate in the planning process

Update Process
The 6 Step Planning Process

- Organize Resources & Reconvene the Planning Team
- Update the Plan's Risk Assessment
- Assess Capabilities
- Update the Mitigation Strategy
- Determine Plan Maintenance Process
- Obtain Mitigation Plan Approval and Adoption

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Components

- Community Profile
- Planning Process
- Risk Assessment
- Capability Assessment
- Mitigation Strategy
- Plan Maintenance

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Components
Community Profile

- Geography and Environment
- Community Facts
- Population & Demographics
- Land Use & Development

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Components
Planning Process

- Plan Development & Participation
- The Planning Team
- Public & Other Stakeholder Participation
- Meetings
- Incorporating Existing Planning Mechanisms

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Components
Risk Assessment

- Identifying Hazards
- Profiling Hazards
- Vulnerability Assessment

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Components
Capability Assessment

- Emergency Management
- Participation in the NFIP
- Planning and Regulatory Capability
- Administrative and Technical Capability
- Fiscal Capability
- Political Capability

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Components
Mitigation Strategy

- Goals & Objectives
- Mitigation Techniques
- Mitigation Action Plan
- Mitigation Projects

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Components
Plan Maintenance

- Monitoring, Evaluating & Updating the Plan
- Incorporation into Other Planning Mechanisms
- Continued Public Involvement

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Components
Plan Adoption

- Each jurisdiction & the county must adopt the County Hazard Mitigation Plan after receiving FEMA approval.
- The plan is to be updated 5 years after the first jurisdiction adopts.

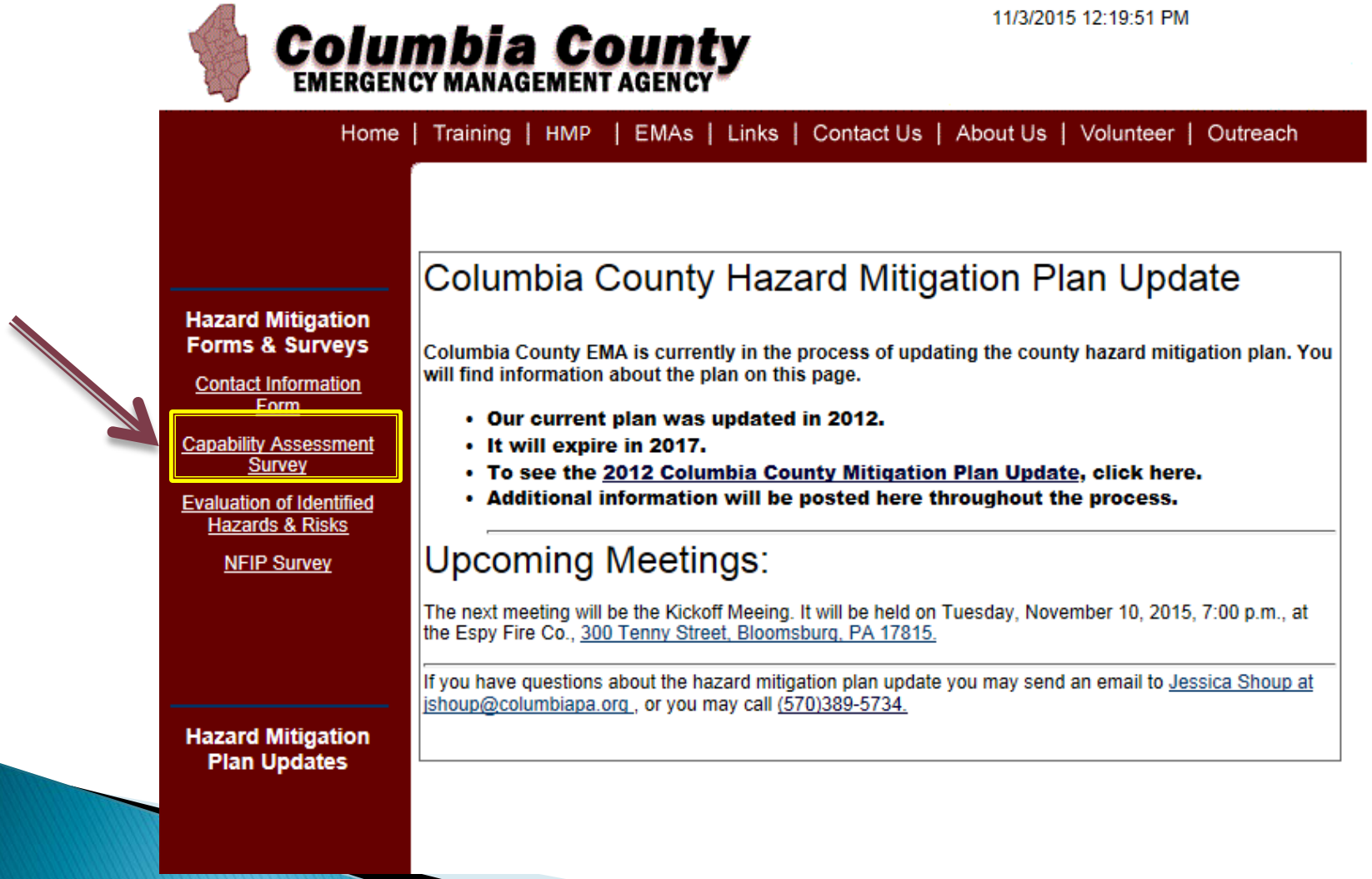
Stakeholder Participation

Task #1 – Capability Assessment

- Capability Assessment Survey
- Information used to evaluate jurisdictional capabilities and plan development.
- One per jurisdiction

Stakeholder Participation

Task #1 – Capability Assessment



Stakeholder Participation

Task #2 – Evaluation of Existing Hazards & Risks

- This exercise allows you to evaluate previously profiled hazards and to identify any new hazards that may exist.
- **Part I**: Note any changes in frequency, magnitude, or geographic extent by placing a "NC", "I", or "D" in the second column.
- **Part II**: Evaluate list of hazards **NOT** profiled in existing HMP.

Stakeholder Participation

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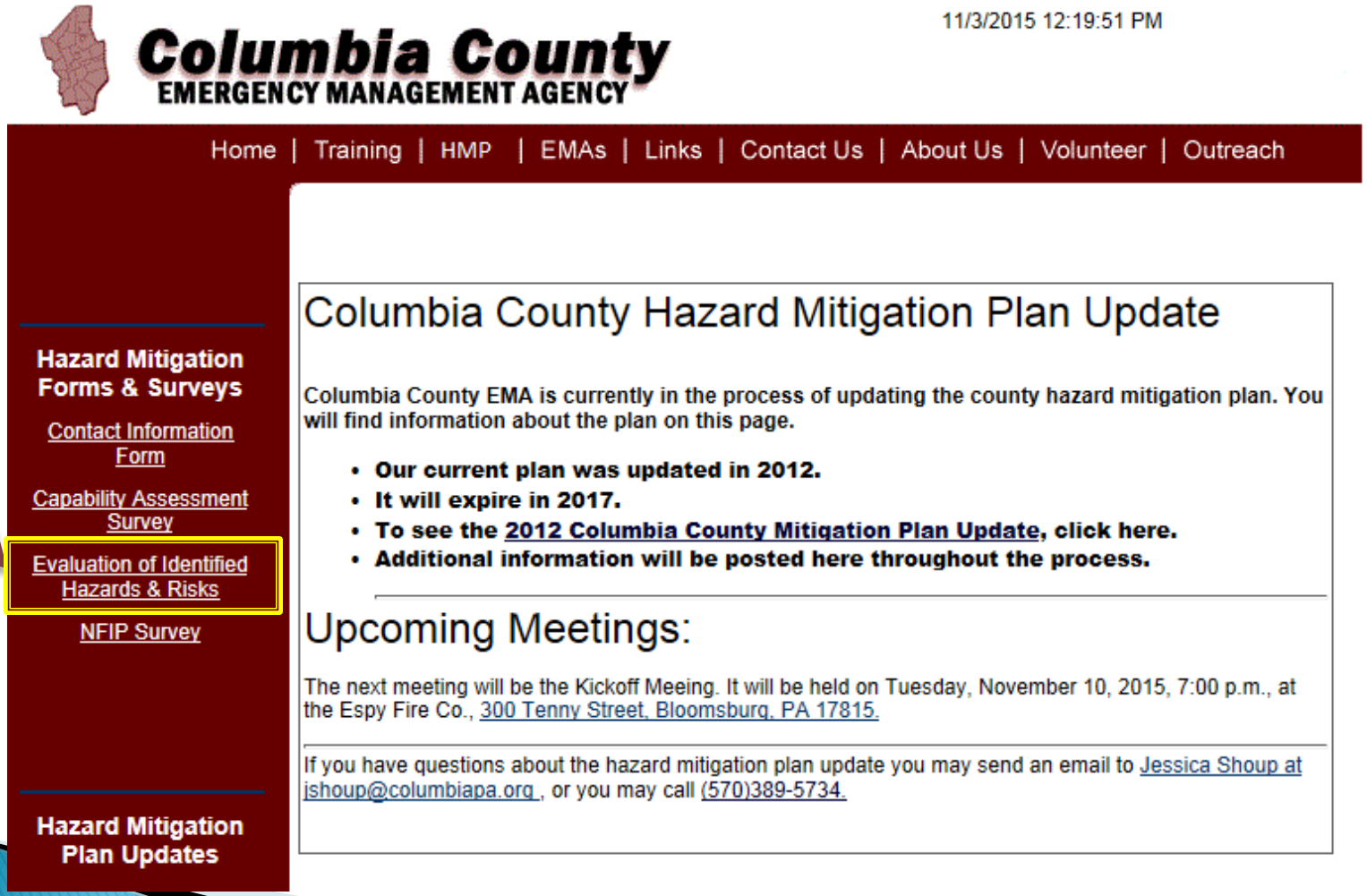

Stakeholder Participation

Task #3- NFIP Survey

- This exercise will assess your jurisdiction's participation and support in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Stakeholder Participation

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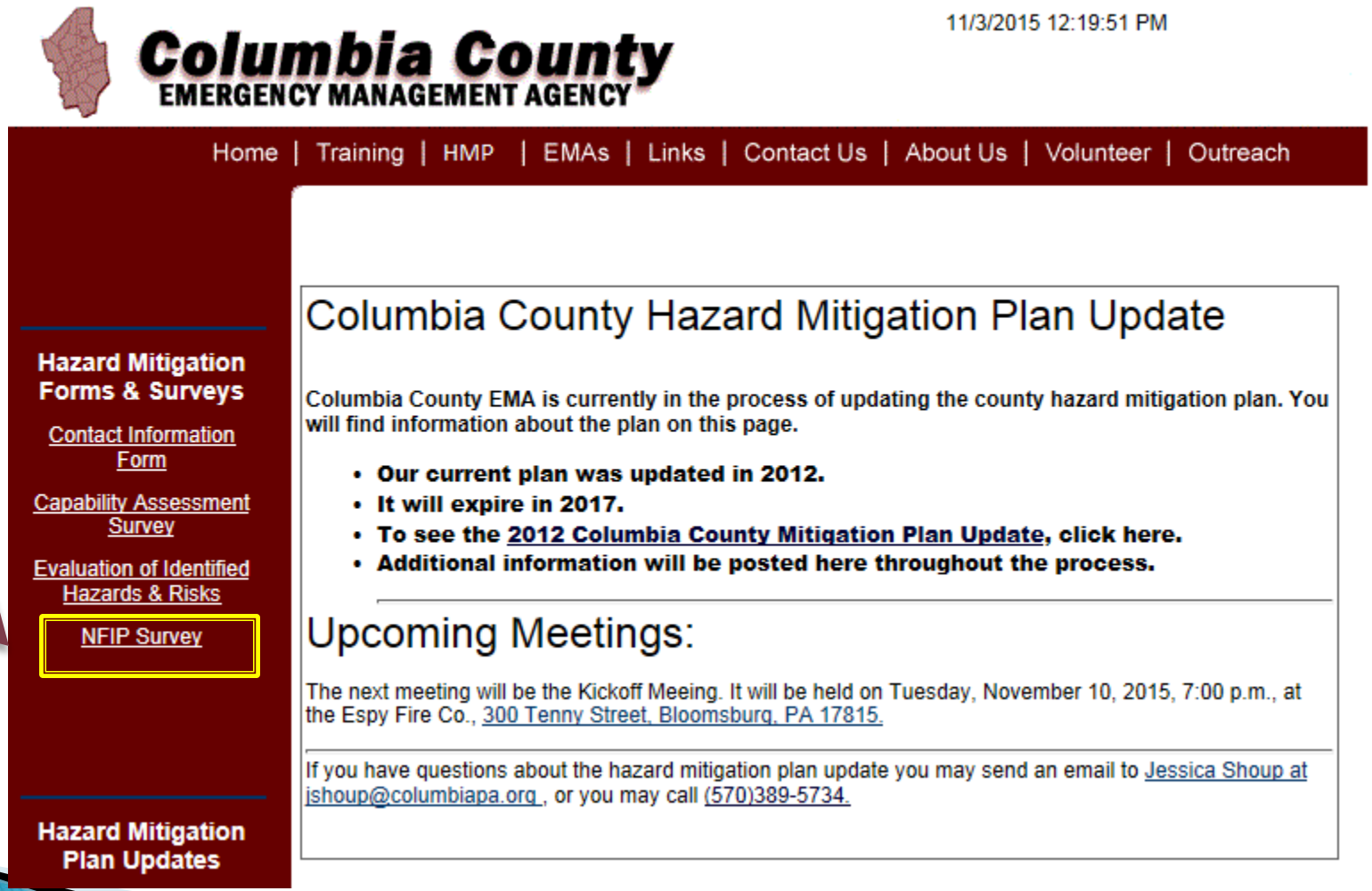


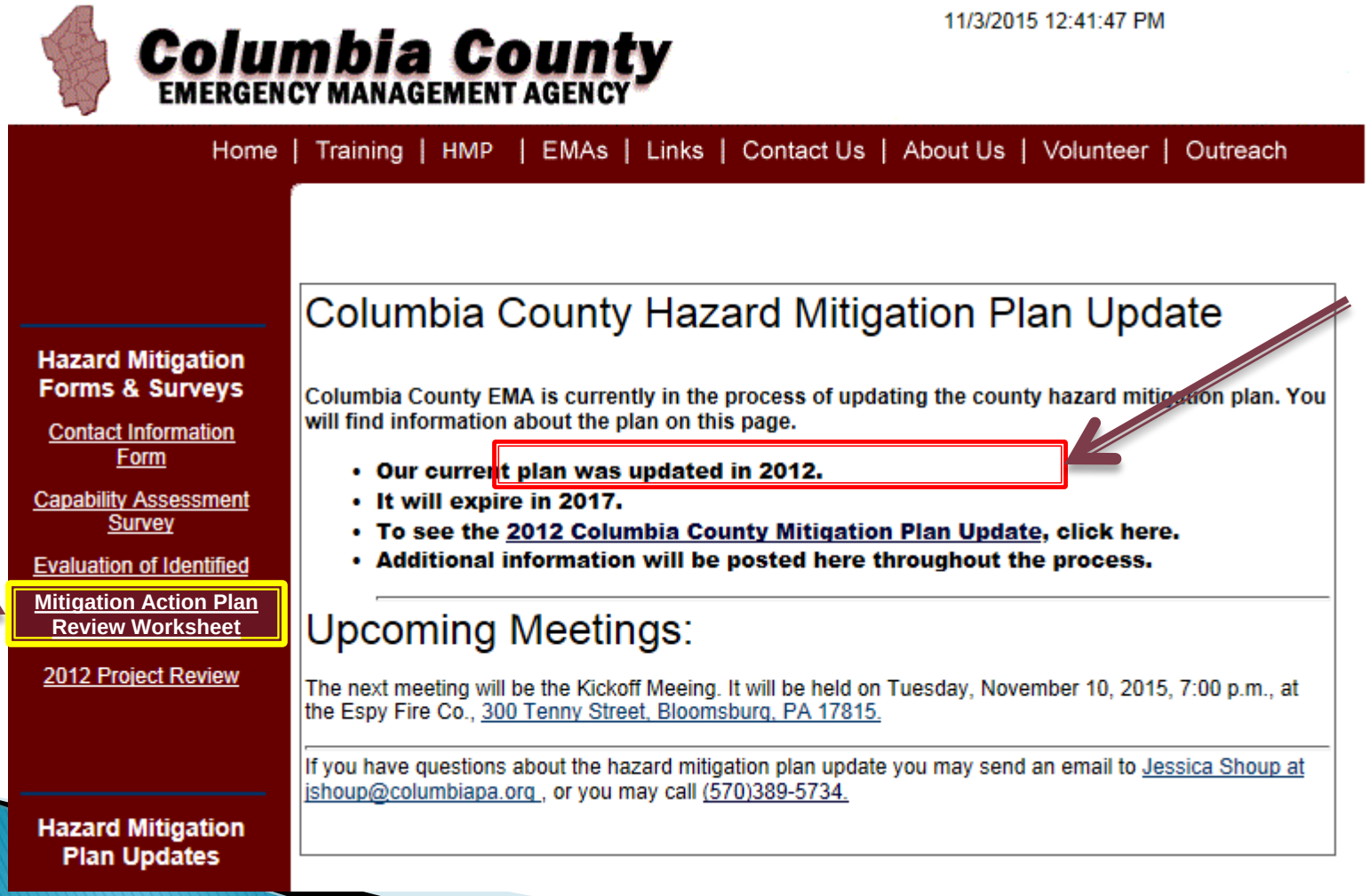
Stakeholder Participation

Task #4- Mitigation Action Plan Review Worksheet

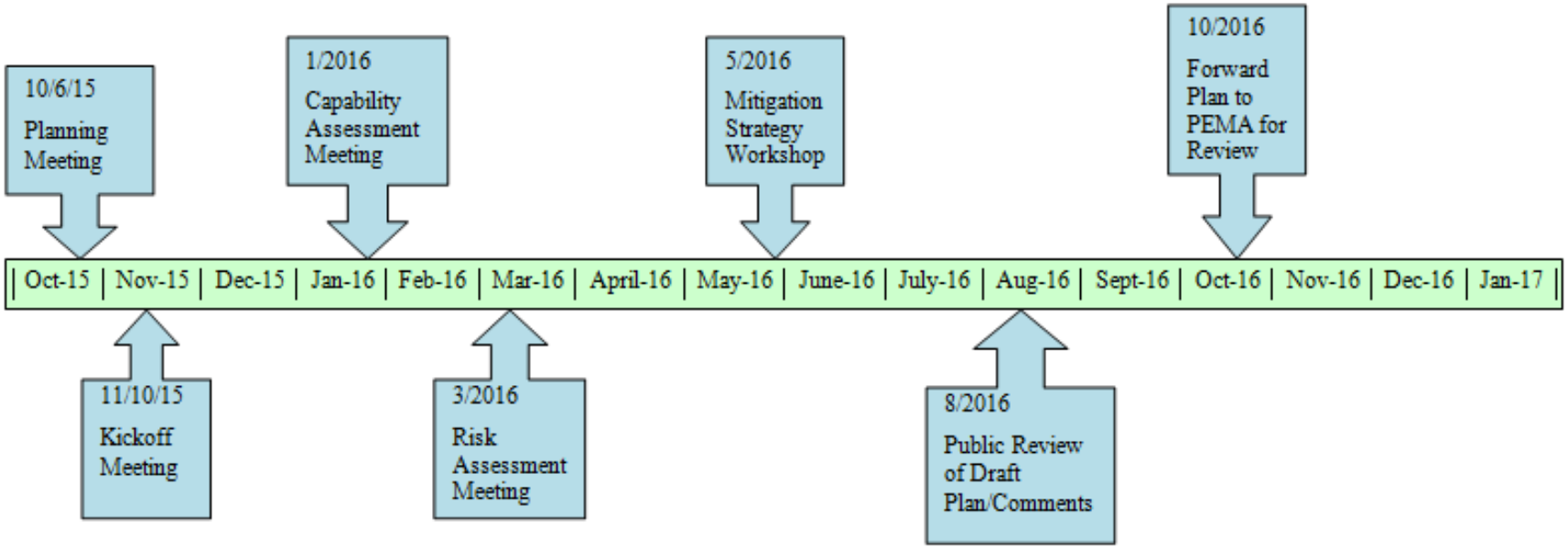
- This will assist us in updating the projects that your jurisdiction listed in the 2012 plan.
- Please review the projects listed in the 2012 plan for your jurisdiction and let us know:
  - Any that were completed
  - Any that were not completed but you wish to remain in the plan
  - Any that were not completed but you now wish to remove from the plan

Stakeholder Participation

Task #4- Mitigation Action Plan Review Worksheet



Timeline


10/6/15
Planning Meeting
1/2016
Capability Assessment Meeting
5/2016
Mitigation Strategy Workshop
10/2016
Forward Plan to PEMA for Review
Oct-15
Nov-15
Dec-15
Jan-16
Feb-16
Mar-16
April-16
May-16
June-16
July-16
Aug-16
Sept-16
Oct-16
Nov-16
Dec-16
Jan-17
11/10/15
Kickoff Meeting
3/2016
Risk Assessment Meeting
8/2016
Public Review of Draft Plan/Comments

Question and Answer Session

- Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Project Website
- ema.columbiapa.org
  - Click “HMP” tab

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- Next Meeting: January 2016