



# OEM: Weekly SITREP

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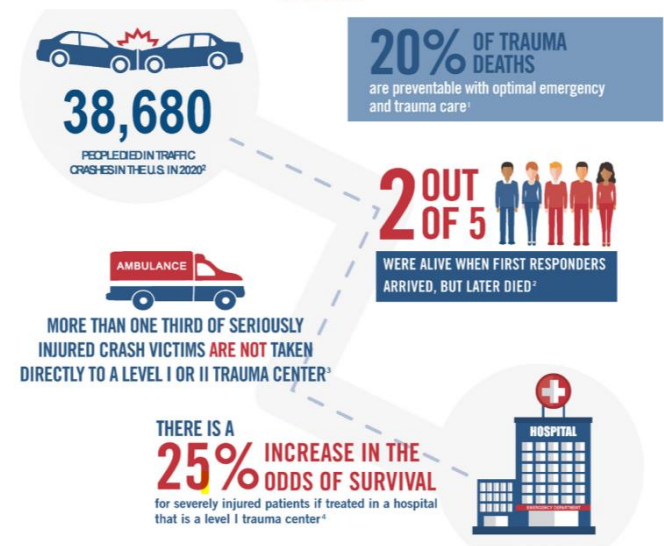
# USA & WORLD

- World leaders scramble to [avoid war](#) in Ukraine.
- Planning for a nation-state cyber attack — [are you ready?](#)
- What the [College Transparency Act](#) may mean for Higher Ed.
- FDA authorizes new [monoclonal antibody](#) for treatment of COVID-19.
- CIA '[secret bulk collection program](#)' picked up some Americans' data.
- Rebels in Ukraine have [differing views](#) on where conflict is headed.
- Iran nuclear talks [restart](#) as critical time pressure and distrust builds.
- Woman died of allergic reaction to COVID vaccine, [autopsy confirms](#).
- Sweden [lifts](#) Covid restrictions and ends mass testing.
- J&J halts production of [single-dose](#) COVID-19 vaccine.
- Feds [charge](#) couple with trying to launder billions in stolen bitcoins.
- If you tested positive and the contact tracer never called, [here's why](#).
- What's behind the [book-ban](#) frenzy?
- '[Quantitative easing](#)': printing 350 years' worth of money in 4.5 years.
- White House [Task Force](#) on Worker Organizing and Empowerment.
- Global Economics Intelligence Executive Summary, [January 2022](#).
- South Korea-US economic ties are [changing](#).
- Olympic athletes slam [conditions](#) in Beijing quarantine hotels.
- Why are so many Americans [still dying](#) of COVID?
- Insurance executive: [death rates](#) among working-age people up 40%.

## National Roadway Safety Strategy

United States Department of Transportation | January 2022

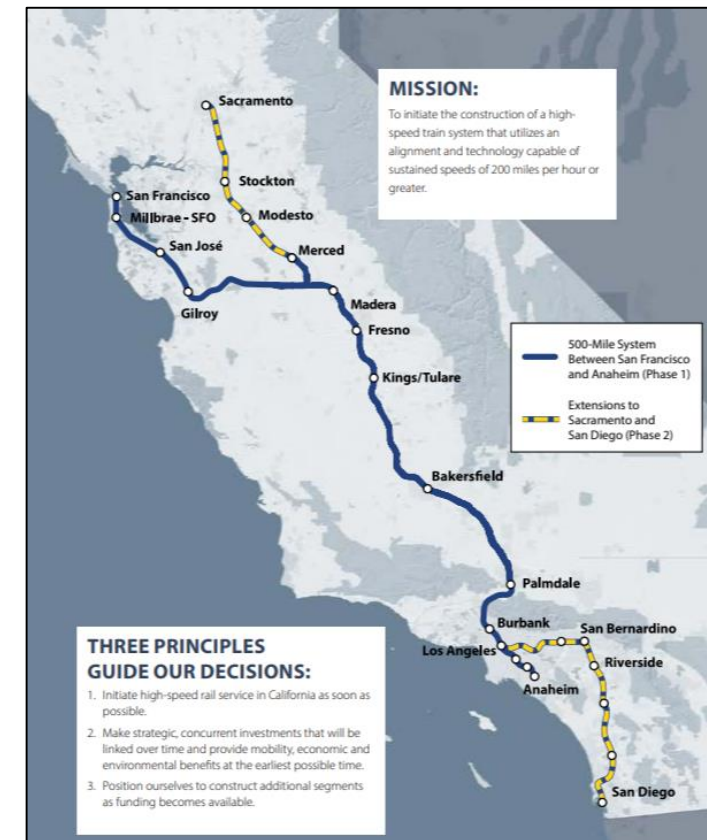
Access to emergency and trauma care is critical to the survivability of crashes.<sup>35</sup>



The [National Roadway Safety Strategy](#) describes the major actions the government will take to make a meaningful difference over the next few years.

# CALIFORNIA

- Big COVID [changes](#) could land today in California.
- Cal Poly [dorm fire](#) injures student, displaces 60 residents.
- Ohlone Community College District ([OCCD](#)) hit by [cyber-attack](#).
- USDA provides [\\$17.6 million](#) to projects that protect Cal-agriculture.
- California on [Employee Whistleblower Retaliation](#) claims.
- Brush fire forces [evacuations](#) in Laguna Beach area.
- [\\$1.9 Billion](#) package to bolster state's ongoing emergency response.
- COVID lab returns [fewer](#) than 1 out of 5 results within 48hrs .
- [AB-1843](#): California Taxpayers' Bill of Rights.
- Gov. Newsom recall election cost California taxpayers [\\$200 million](#).
- PG&E faces over [30 criminal charges](#) in Sonoma County's Kincade Fire.
- Costs climb [again](#) for high-speed rail project.
- California leads U.S. in [gas prices](#) – what's behind the latest spike?
- [Newsom](#): New Operations & Transportation Agency Secretaries.
- State health officials [no-bid contract](#) with Kaiser triggers concerns.
- New [law](#) requires food waste to be composted.
- Legislature votes to require [paid sick leave](#) for virus cases.
- State to [ease Covid rules](#) in path to 'endemic' strategy.
- Two athletes with [UC ties](#) head to Beijing for the Winter Olympics.
- Several UC campuses [selected](#) for 2021 Seed Awards.



**As California takes the lead in building a modern, clean and sustainable transportation system, the California High-Speed Rail Authority issued its 2022 [Business Plan](#) for public review and comment.**

# REGION

- Laguna Beach sees [90% containment](#) on 154-acre Emerald Fire.
- First [cross-border wind farm](#) between US and Mexico.
- More and more Californians turn to [Tijuana](#) for affordable housing.
- Feds investigating possible truck [protests](#) near SoFi Stadium.
- Disneyland [crime](#): Assault & battery, grand theft in January.
- Greening disease [threatens](#) Riverside's \$187M citrus crops.
- Grand opening for the Cheech Marin Center [delayed](#).
- Caltech researchers [uncover](#) source of mysterious tsunami.
- State Board to examine if LA juvenile hall is "[suitable](#)" for habitation.
- UCLA agrees to pay nearly [\\$250m](#) for alleged sexually assaults.
- Data shows [port congestion](#) is slowly improving.
- Officials ramping up security at [SoFi Stadium](#).
- Rams win would be [Super Bowl](#) rarity.
- [Smudge pots](#) in citrus orchards have long been a familiar sight in SoCal.
- NASCAR [rumbles](#) into LA Memorial Coliseum.
- Check out some of the events that will make up the [LA28 Olympics](#).
- How to [protect](#) your trees from gusty winds.



**SOCAL REGION PROGRESS:** As of January 2022, the Authority Board has approved a Record of Decision on two Southern California Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statements.

The County of Riverside Emergency Operations Center is currently activated to [Management Watch](#).

# COMMUNICATIONS

- **14 February:**
  - **Reminder to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination booster**
- **11 February:**
  - **February Wellness Webinars**
- **10 February:**
  - **Training: Managing the People Side of Change**
- **09 February:**
  - **Chief Campus Counsel Announcement**
- **08 February:**
  - **HR Training Reminder - Managing in the Modern Workplace**

**Please Reference Notes Section For More Information**

# NOTABLE

- [California Man Arrested for Cyberstalking Young Women in Sextortion Campaign](#)
- [Exercise May Enhance the Effects of a Covid or Flu Shot](#)
- [What researchers learned from deliberately giving people covid](#)
- [History of infectious disease outbreaks and vaccines timeline](#)
- [Inside the numbers of another big year for cyber mergers, acquisitions and investments](#)
- [2021 Trends Show Increased Globalized Threat of Ransomware](#)
- [Lessons Learned from the Ransomware Attack on Ireland's Health Service Executive](#)
- [Cyber Terrorism Is a Growing Threat & Governments Must Take Action](#)
- [World Cancer Day 2022: A look at the early symptoms you should not ignore](#)
- [Insurance group sees death rates up 40 percent over pre-pandemic levels](#)
- [Global power games played for high stakes under the Olympic flame](#)
- [The US is letting China off the hook over its COVID-19 coverup](#)
- [China's military strategy is a Xerox copy of German military thinking of the 1930s](#)
- [The Kremlin's Quest for Biometric Data](#)
- [China Prepares To Seize A 'Trillion Dollar Industry'](#)
- [The Olympic ideal is about world peace. The Olympic reality is far from it.](#)
- [Russia tensions over Ukraine are chilling echo of days before World War 1](#)
- [Hacking humans: The new global war](#)
- [While the West Watches Russia... Africa Rumbles](#)
- [U.S. Global Change Research Program \(USGCRP\) Climate Change Glossary](#)

# FEMA: Community Resilience Exercise Guide

- **FEMA's Long-Term Community Resilience Exercise Resource Guide: Designing Whole Community Exercises to Prepare for the Effects of a Changing Climate** offers reliable methodologies, strategies, information and resources for designing and conducting discussion-based exercises.
- **Specifically, exercises offer a structured approach to:**
  - Identify resource requirements, capability gaps, strengths, areas for improvement and potential best practices;
  - Provide a common framework of understanding; and
  - Provide a good starting point for developing or making major changes to existing plans, policies or procedures.
- **This Guide provides three categories of information:**
  - 'Guidance and basic principles' to inform community exercises, including climate adaptation, hazard mitigation planning and building community resilience as they relate to current threats, hazards, future conditions and risks.
  - 'Tools and templates' for building exercises that include climate considerations and hazard mitigation practices.
  - 'Resources' identifying climate-related programs, funding and training across all levels of government, nonprofit organizations, private sector entities and the academic community."

# Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (THIRA)

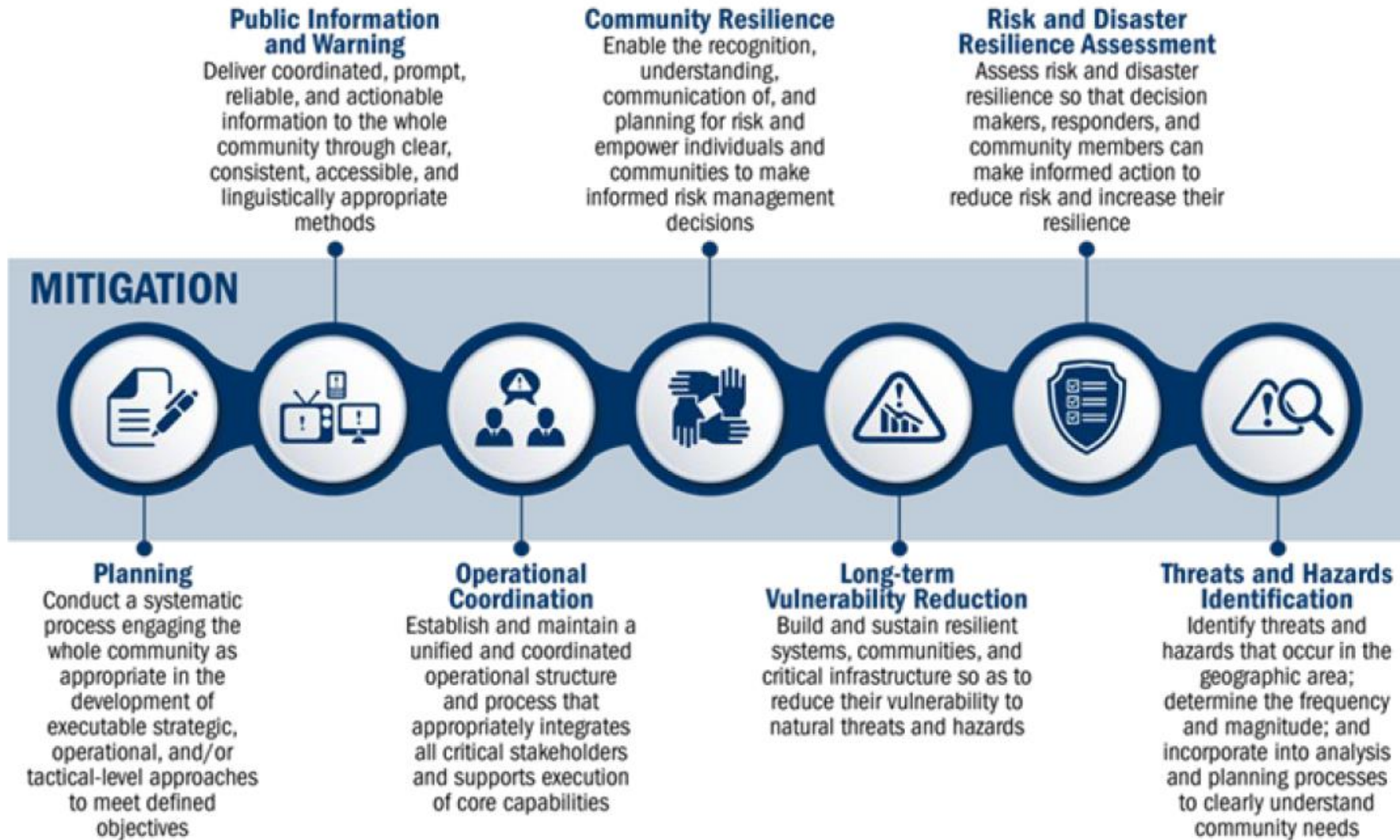


Figure 2: THIRA Steps

The THIRA is a well-established risk assessment process that helps communities understand their risks and what they need to do to address them.








# Mitigation Mission Area Core Capabilities



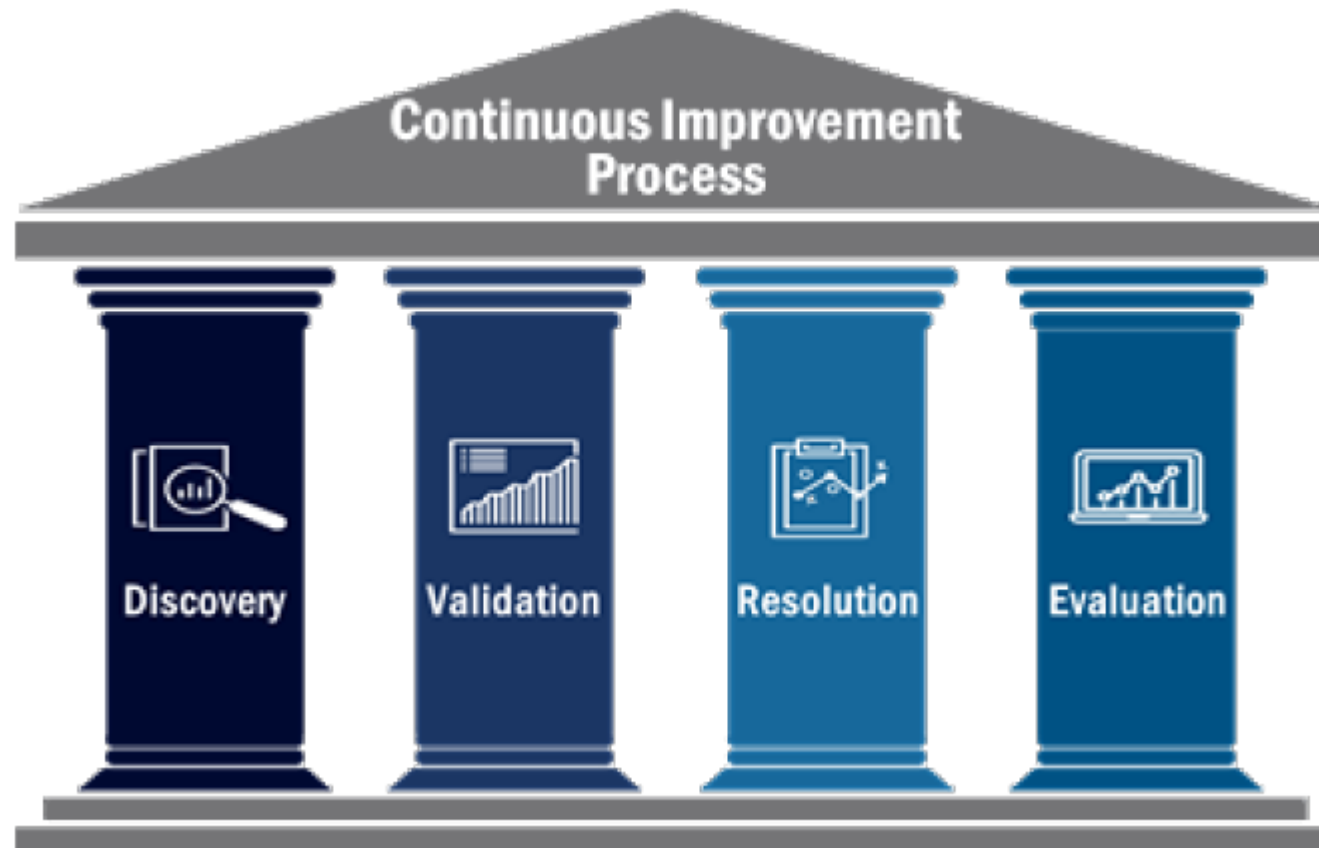
**Core Capabilities in the Mitigation mission area orient discussions and strategies for community planning activities and related exercises.**

# SMART Guidelines for Exercise Objectives

| Criterion  |   | Definition  |
|------------|---|---|
| Specific   |    | Objectives should address the five Ws – who, what, when, where, and why. The objectives specifies what needs to be done with a timeline for completion.       |
| Measurable |    | Objectives should include numeric or descriptive measures that define quantity, quality, cost, etc. Their focus should be on observable actions and outcomes. |
| Achievable |    | Objectives should be within the control, influence and resources of exercise play and participant actions.  |
| Relevant   |    | Objectives should be instrumental to the mission of the organization and link to its goals or strategic intent.   |
| Time-Bound |  | Objectives should incorporate a specified and reasonable timeframe.   |

**Exercise objectives are statements of the distinct outcomes an organization wishes to achieve during an exercise. They provide details on exercise priorities from exercise planning stakeholders.**

# Four Pillars of Continuous Improvement



**Continuous improvement is a method in which capabilities are periodically examined to confirm they are sufficient, accurate and effective to handle the threats, hazards and risks that may be faced. Identifying strengths, areas for improvement, and corrective actions that result from exercises helps build, sustain and deliver capabilities as part of a continuous improvement process.**

# Resources & Grant Opportunities (1)

FEMA and other federal agencies offer funding to help local communities build their capacity to mitigate the impacts of long-term climate change.

- [FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance](#) provides **funding** for eligible hazard mitigation measures that reduce disaster losses. For example:
  - FEMA's [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#) provides **funding** to SLTT governments so they can rebuild in a way that reduces or mitigates future disaster losses in their communities. This grant funding is available after a presidentially declared disaster.
  - [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#) supports states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards.
  - FEMA's [Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\) Program](#) is a competitive **grant** program that provides funding to states, local communities, federally recognized tribes and territories. Funds can be used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the [National Flood Insurance Program](#).

# Resources & Grant Opportunities (2)

- [FEMA Preparedness Grants](#) support citizens and first responders as we work together as a nation to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate disasters and emergencies. For example:
  - The [Emergency Management Performance Grant \(EMPG\)](#) supports efforts to build and sustain Core Capabilities across all Mission Areas.
  - The [Homeland Security Grant](#) is comprised of three **grant** programs funding a range of preparedness activities, including planning, organization, equipment purchase, training, exercise and more across all Core Capabilities and Mission Areas.
  - The [Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program \(RCPGP\)](#) provides **resources** to close known capability gaps in housing and logistics and supply chain management, encouraging innovative regional solutions to issues related to catastrophic incidents and building on existing regional efforts.
  - FEMA's [Building Community Resilience with Nature-Based Solutions Guide](#) helps communities identify and engage the right subject matter experts and resources to build resilience with nature-based solutions.

# Resources & Grant Opportunities (3)

- [FEMA's National Exercise Program \(NEP\)](#) is a two-year cycle of exercises across the nation that examine and validate capabilities in all preparedness mission areas.
  - The NEP provides technical assistance for preparedness exercises from experienced exercise specialists to SLTT and other whole community partners at no cost to the partners.
  - Support can include assistance with exercise design, scenario development, planning, conduct, and/or evaluation in the form of subject-matter expertise, material production, or facilitation for selected exercises.
  - Exercises are selected for NEP technical assistance through an application process, resource availability, and based on their alignment to the Principals' Strategic Priorities, a set of priorities for each two-year cycle set by the National Security Council.
- The [EPA's Clearinghouse for Environmental Finance](#) connects communities to a wide range of funding and technical financial resources through three component sites: the Water Finance Clearinghouse, the Air Finance Clearinghouse, and the Land Finance Clearinghouse. Each clearinghouse provides an easily navigable web-based portal with two searchable databases: available funding sources and resources such as reports, web links and webinars on financing mechanisms and approaches to help communities access capital to meet their environmental infrastructure needs.

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