

Nevada 2028 Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan

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Purpose

Describe how the State of Nevada will manage the 2028 HMP update

Show alignment with FEMA's 2025 State Mitigation Planning Policy Guide

Demonstrate a proactive, continuous-update approach

Establish a transparent system that supports Enhanced Plan compliance



Why Change the Approach?

From 5-Year Scramble to Continuous Readiness

- Traditional HMP updates concentrate work late in the cycle
- Enhanced Plans require *demonstrated implementation*, not just documentation
- FEMA identified gaps in Enhanced Elements **E6, E7, and E8**
- Staff turnover creates risk—but also opportunity



Guiding Philosophy

Do the work
once. Maintain
it continuously.

- Treat the HMP as a living program, not a static document
- Embed plan maintenance into normal operations
- Make FEMA compliance a natural outcome of good management
- Shift from a 5-year sprint to an **ongoing update model**
- Use **SmartSheet** as the system of record for:
 - Actions
 - Reviews
 - Assignments
 - Status tracking
- Make FEMA compliance a *by-product* of good program management

Core Objectives

Do the work once. Maintain it continuously.

1. Ongoing Update Process

Ensure most plan content is complete well before the 2028 submission deadline.

2. Scalable Model for Sub-Jurisdictions

Create repeatable processes local governments can emulate.

3. Full FEMA Compliance

Address:

- Standard elements (S-series)
- Enhanced elements (E6, E7, E8)
- High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) requirements
- Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) requirements

4. Shorter, Cleaner Enhanced HMP

Use templates, structured inputs, and databases to reduce narrative bloat—especially in the HIRA.



SmartSheet: The Backbone of the Program

SmartSheet functions

- The **system of record** for mitigation actions
- A **living database** for tracking progress and decisions
- An **audit-ready trail** for FEMA reviews

Uses

- Action tracking and ownership
- Status updates and milestones
- Quarterly review documentation
- Form-based inputs from partner agencies





Step 1: The Backbone of the Program

- **First Priority: Get Everyone Comfortable with the Tool**
- **SmartSheet** training for mitigation staff
- Orientation for state agency partners
- Shared expectations for:
 - How updates are logged
 - What counts as implementation
 - How quarterly updates support FEMA compliance



Step 2: Start with FEMA State Mitigation Planning Policy Guide Section 3.6 & Enhanced Elements



Deliverables

- S17 & S18 (Monitoring, Evaluation, and Updating)
- Enhanced Elements E6, E7, and E8

Why Start Here?

- These elements drive **plan maintenance, evaluation, and implementation**
- Directly address FEMA’s E6–E8 concerns
- Align perfectly with NHMWG quarterly meetings





Step 3: Established the Planning Process (S1 & S2)

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Focus

- Planning process documentation
- Interagency coordination

Approach

Use **SmartSheet** logs as evidence of:

- Who participated
- When coordination occurred
- How input was incorporated

Outcome: S1 and S2 are *automatically satisfied* through normal operations



Step 4: HIRA as a Structured Database (S3-S8)

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Solution

Develop **SmartSheet forms** for state agencies to submit:

- Hazard data
- Asset vulnerability information
- Program impacts

Benefits

- Consistent inputs
- Easier updates
- Cleaner, more concise HIRA narratives

Problem: HIRA chapters are often long, redundant, and hard to maintain





Step 5: Mitigation Strategy Development (S8–S12)

- Link HIRA outputs directly to mitigation actions
- Track:
 - Prioritization
 - Funding sources
 - Status updates
 - Use **SmartSheet** dashboards to visualize progress

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This directly supports Enhanced tracking and evaluation requirements





Step 6: Local & Tribal Integration (S13-S16)

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Track

- Plan status
- Technical assistance
- Common barriers

Outcome

- Stronger state–local alignment
- Clear evidence of support and integration

Integrate local plan coordination into the same system





Specialized Tracks: HHPD & FMAG

- Designate specific leads for:
 - High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD1–HHPD7)
 - Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG1–FMAG2)
- Maintain dedicated **SmartSheet** trackers
- Ensure continuity regardless of staff changes

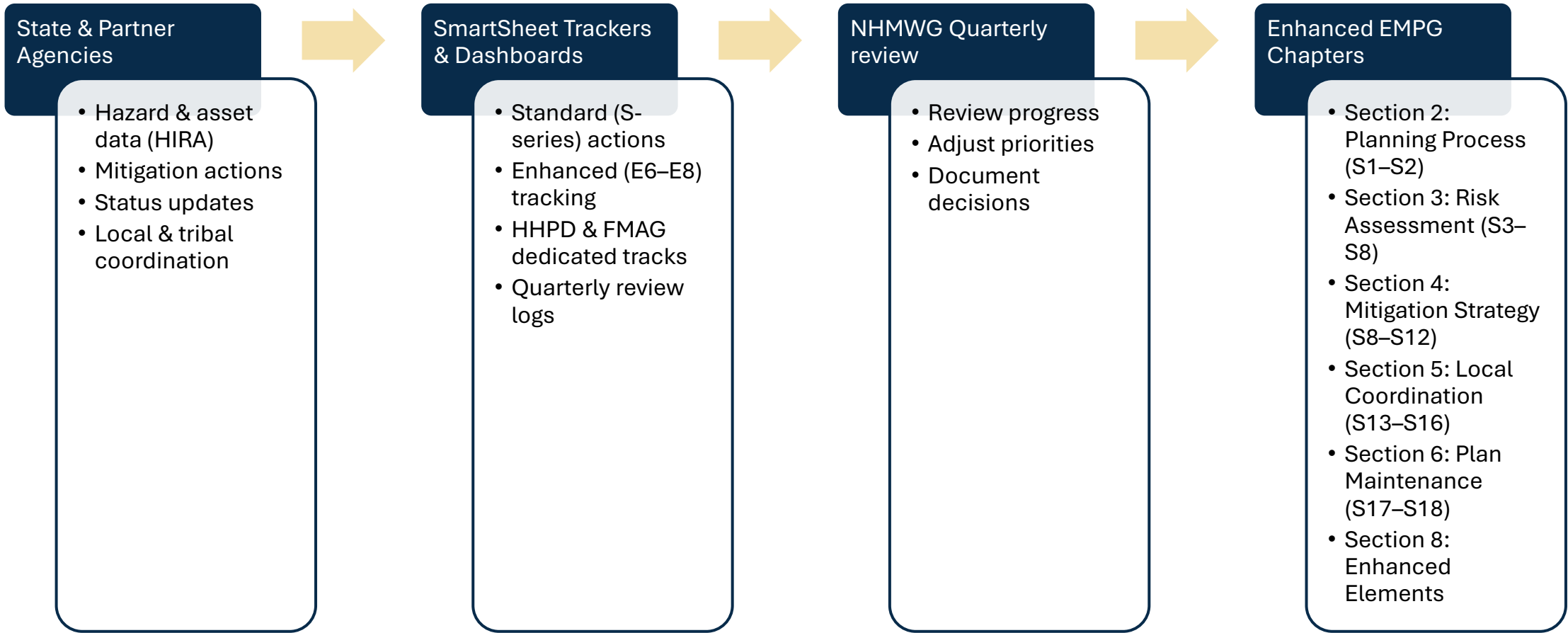


FEMA Compliance Crosswalk

Program Component	FEMA Elements Addressed	How Compliance Is Demonstrated
Ongoing Update Process	S1, S2, S17, S18	SmartSheet records document the planning process, agency coordination, scheduled reviews, and plan updates
Action Tracking & Evaluation	E6, E7, E8	Continuous tracking of mitigation actions, implementation status, effectiveness, and corrective adjustments
NHMWG Quarterly Meetings	S17, S18, E6	Standing forum for reviewing progress, evaluating actions, and documenting decisions and follow-up
HIRA Structured Database	S3–S8	Standardized data inputs collected via forms and maintained as a living dataset supporting the Risk Assessment
Mitigation Strategy Management	S8–S12, E7	Prioritized mitigation actions tracked with responsible parties, timelines, funding sources, and progress
Local & Tribal Integration	S13–S16, E6	Documented coordination with local and tribal jurisdictions, technical assistance, and plan alignment
High Hazard Potential Dams	HHPD1–HHPD7	Designated lead, inspection coordination, risk identification, and mitigation actions tracked in SmartSheet



SmartSheet System Diagrams





Expected Results

- FEMA sees **continuous implementation**, not last-minute updates
- Enhanced deficiencies addressed early
- Easier annual FEMA validations
- A plan Nevada is proud of—and FEMA trusts



Thank you.

