

13. GREATER BOISE AUDITORIUM DISTRICT

13.1 MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN POINT OF CONTACT

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13.2 JURISDICTION PROFILE

The Greater Boise Auditorium District was created by voters within the District's boundaries on June, 9 1959 to build, operate, maintain, market and manage public auditoriums, exhibit halls, convention centers, sports arenas, and other similar facilities. The District is represented by an elected, five member, Board of Directors. The District boundaries go beyond the City of Boise to include: all of Garden City, portions of the cities of Eagle and Meridian, and includes some unincorporated areas. The purpose of the District is to serve the public need and promote economic growth. In 1990, the Greater Boise Auditorium District completed construction of the Boise Centre on the Grove, (convention center) the District's first convention facility, known today as Boise Centre.

- **Population Served**—Estimates from the 2014 the District is 216,282.
- **Land Area Served**—Approximately 180 Square Miles.
- **Value of Area Served**—The estimated value of the area served by the jurisdiction is \$20,278,078,700
- **Land Area Owned**—Approximately 2.0 acres.
- List of Critical Infrastructure/Equipment Owned by the Jurisdiction:
 - Emergency Generator System \$75,000
 - Air Cooling Chiller & Plumbing \$750,000
 - Geothermal Heating & System \$100,000
 - Boiler Heating & System \$150,000
 - Kitchen & Food Prep \$1.9 Million
- **Total Value of Critical Infrastructure/Equipment**—The total value of critical infrastructure and equipment owned by the jurisdiction is \$32 Million.
- List of Critical Facilities Owned by the Jurisdiction:
 - Boise Centre \$35 Million
 - Boise Centre Sales Office and Warehouse \$1.5 Million
 - Boise Centre East (Expansion Project) \$14.5 Million
- **Total Value of Critical Facilities**—The total value of critical facilities owned by the jurisdiction is \$51 million.

13.2.1 Service Area and Trends

The district serves a population of 216,282. Its service area covers an area of 2.0 sq. miles, which has a total value of \$20,278,078,700.

The District foresees continued growth opportunity for the meetings and convention industry. To that end, the District has worked diligently over several years to establish an expansion plan. The District is currently in the process of building an additional 38,250 square feet of space that will include an additional ballroom, meeting rooms, lobbies, and commercial kitchen. The project is set to be finished in August of 2016. The addition of Boise Centre East will bring Boise Centre to a total of 88,250 square feet.

- The current plan is an expansion project of approximately 38,250 square feet with a cost of roughly \$14.5 million.
- The District has no taxing authority on the District population. The main funding source comes from the collection of a hotel room tax from hotels within the District, currently at 5%.
- Both impact and growth studies conducted have shown glowing results for the District.
- The expansion will allow Boise Centre to go after a larger market of convention, meeting, and association event business.

The District's boundaries are shown in Figure 13-1.

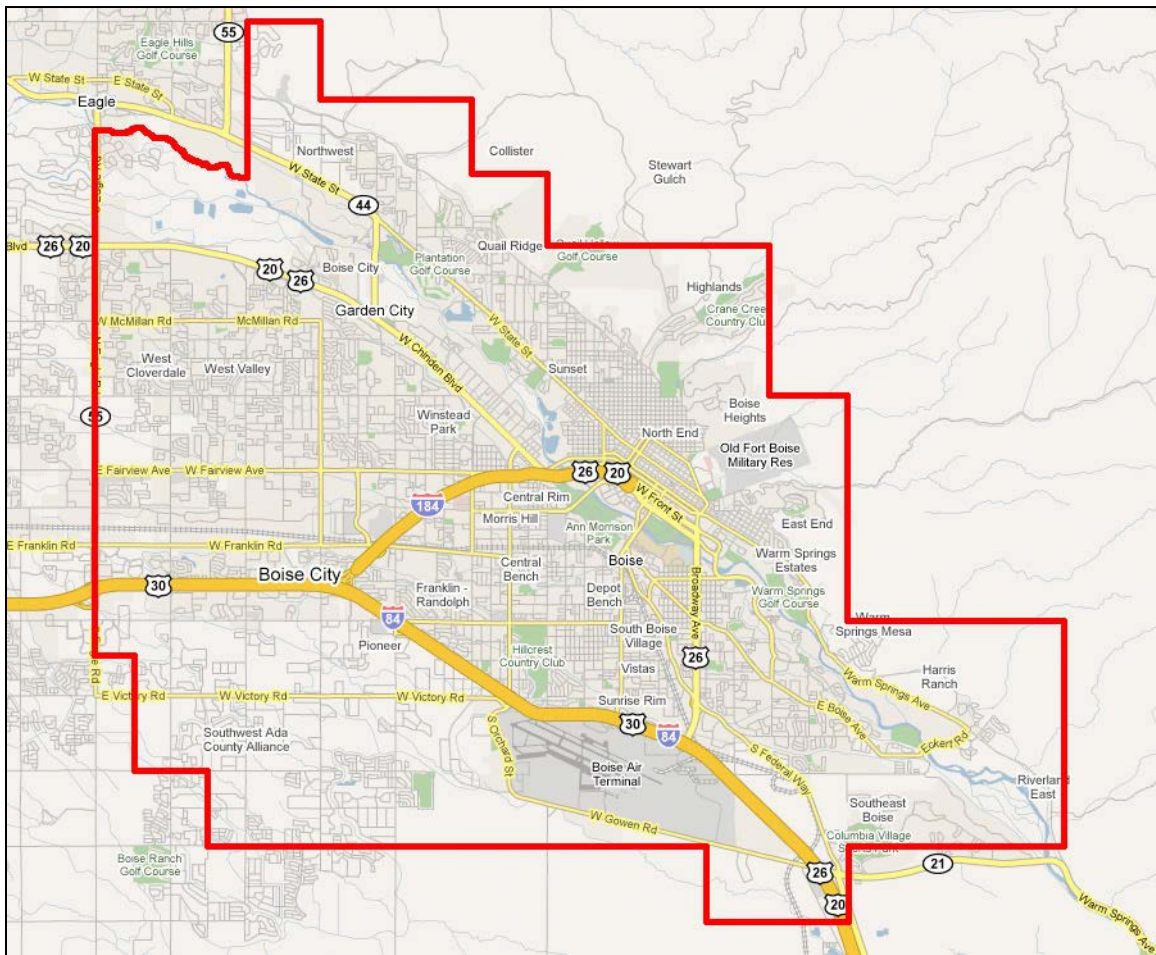


Figure 13-1. Greater Boise Auditorium District boundary

13.2.2 Assets

Table 13-1 summarizes the critical assets of the district and their value.

Asset	Value
Property	
2.0 Acres of Land	\$3,000,000
Critical Infrastructure and Equipment	
Emergency Generator System	\$75,000
Air Cooling Chiller & Plumbing	\$750,000
Geothermal Heating & System	\$100,000
Boiler Heating & System	\$150,000
Kitchen & Food Prep	\$1.8 Million
Total:	\$5,875,000
Critical Facilities	
Boise Centre	\$30,000,000
Boise Centre Sales Office and Warehouse	\$1,000,000
Boise Centre East	\$14,500,000
Total:	\$45,500,000

13.3 PLANNING AND REGULATORY CAPABILITIES

GBAD does develop plans and specifications for facilities within its jurisdiction as they come on line. The district does plan for facility improvement and expansion. As far as emergency response and recovery planning, GBAD will look to Ada County Emergency Management (ACEM) for guidance in response and recovery from hazard events that impact GBAD facilities.

13.4 FISCAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES

An assessment of fiscal capabilities is presented in Table 13-2. An assessment of administrative and technical capabilities is presented in Table 13-3.

Financial Resources	Accessible or Eligible to Use?
Capital Improvements Project Funding	Yes
Authority to Levy Taxes for Specific Purposes	No
User Fees for Water, Sewer, Gas or Electric Service	No
Incur Debt through General Obligation Bonds	No
Incur Debt through Special Tax Bonds	No
Incur Debt through Private Activity Bonds	No
State-Sponsored Grant Programs	No
Development Impact Fees for Homebuyers or Developers	No
Other	No

Table 13-3. Administrative and Technical Capability

Staff/Personnel Resources	Available?	Department/Agency/Position
Planners or engineers with knowledge of land development and land management practices	No	N/A
Engineers or professionals trained in building or infrastructure construction practices	No	N/A
Planners or engineers with an understanding of natural hazards	No	N/A
Staff with training in benefit/cost analysis	Yes	Admin/Boise Centre/Controller
Surveyors	No	N/A
Personnel skilled or trained in GIS applications	No	N/A
Scientist familiar with natural hazards in local area	No	N/A
Emergency manager	Yes	Operations/Boise Centre/Director of Ops
Grant writers	No	N/A
Other	No	N/A

13.5 EDUCATION AND OUTREACH CAPABILITIES

An assessment of education and outreach capabilities is presented in Table 13-4.

Table 13-4. Education and Outreach

Criteria	Response
Do you have a Public Information Officer or Communications Office?	Yes – Communications Manager
Do you have personnel skilled or trained in website development?	Yes- Information Technology Manager
Do you have hazard mitigation information available on your website? • If yes, please briefly describe.	No N/A
Do you utilize social media for hazard mitigation education and outreach? • If yes, please briefly describe.	No N/A
Do you have any citizen boards or commissions that address issues related to hazard mitigation? • If yes, please briefly specify.	No N/A
Do you have any other programs already in place that could be used to communicate hazard-related information? • If yes, please briefly describe.	Yes Safety Committee
Do you have any established warning systems for hazard events? • If yes, please briefly describe.	Yes Code Red/ISAWS – residents may sign up to receive emergency notifications and critical community alerts. Both systems are IPAWS enabled and may additionally access that integrated system for public warnings.

13.6 INTEGRATION WITH OTHER PLANNING INITIATIVES

The following describe the jurisdiction’s process for integrating the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan into existing plans and programs.

13.6.1 Existing Integration

The following plans and programs currently integrate the goals, risk assessment and/or recommendations of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan:

- Capital Facilities Planning
- Emergency Management Planning by ACEM

13.6.2 Opportunities for Future Integration

The following plans and programs do not currently integrate the goals, risk assessment and/or recommendations of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, but provide an opportunity for future integration:

- Future updates to GBAD capital facility planning
- Future updates to ACEM emergency management plans

13.7 JURISDICTION-SPECIFIC NATURAL HAZARD EVENT HISTORY

Table 13-5 lists all past occurrences of natural hazards within the jurisdiction.

Type of Event	FEMA Disaster # (if applicable)	Date	Preliminary Damage Assessment
Severe Weather	N/A	12/92	\$1,000

13.8 JURISDICTION-SPECIFIC VULNERABILITIES

Noted vulnerabilities the jurisdiction include:

- Back up electrical generator located below grade and is at risk for flooding failure.

13.9 HAZARD RISK RANKING

Table 13-6 presents the ranking of the hazards of concern.

Rank	Hazard Type	Risk Rating Score (Probability x Impact)	Category
1	Flood	24	Medium
2	Earthquake	16	Medium
3	Dam failure	9	Low
4	Severe Weather	9	Low
5	Drought	0	Low
6	Volcano	0	Low
7	Wildfire	0	Low

13.10 STATUS OF PREVIOUS PLAN INITIATIVES

Table 13-7 summarizes the initiatives that were recommended in the previous version of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and their implementation status at the time this update was prepared.

Table 13-7. Status of Previous Action Plan

Action Item	Completed	Carry Over to Plan Update	Removed; No Longer Feasible
Action GBAD#1—Elevate Critical Equipment From Basement <i>Comment: Not completed. Carry over to 2017 update.</i>		X	
Action GBAD#2—Flood Proof Critical Equipment In Basement <i>Comment: Not completed. Carry over to 2017 update.</i>		X	
Action GBAD#3—Secure Drop Ceiling Light Fixtures To Standard <i>Comment: Not completed. Carry over to 2017 update.</i>		X	
Action GBAD#4—Water Storage Tank <i>Comment: Not completed. Carry over to 2017 update.</i>		X	
Action GBAD#5—Support, Monitor, and Continually Update This Plan <i>Comment: Ongoing activity. Carry over to 2017 Update</i>		X	
Action GBAD#6—Support and Be Actively Involved With Ada County Plan <i>Comment: Ongoing activity. Carry over to 2017 Update</i>		X	

13.11 HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN AND EVALUATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Table 13-8 lists the actions that make up the Greater Boise Auditorium District hazard mitigation action plan. Table 13-9 identifies the priority for each action. Table 13-10 summarizes the mitigation actions by hazard of concern and the six mitigation types.

Table 13-8. Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Matrix

Applies to new or existing assets	Hazards Mitigated	Objectives Met	Lead Agency	Estimated Cost	Sources of Funding	Timeline
Initiative #1—Elevate Critical Equipment From Basement						
Existing	Flood	1, 3, 10	District	\$2 Million	District Funds, HMGP, PDM	Short Term
Initiative #2—Flood Proof Critical Equipment In Basement						
Existing	Flood	1, 3, 10	District	\$1 Million	District Funds, HMGP, PDM	Short Term
Initiative #3—Secure Drop Ceiling Light Fixtures To Standard						
Existing	Earthquake	1, 3, 10	District	\$10,000	District Funds	Short Term
Initiative #4- Water Storage Tank- Clean water in case of contamination to city/public water.						
Existing	Flood	1, 3, 10	District	\$100,000	District Fund, HMGP, PDM	Long Term
Initiative #5- Support, Monitor, and Continually Update This Plan						
New & Existing	All Hazards	All	District	Low	District	Short Term
Initiative #6—Support and Be Actively Involved With Ada County Plan						
New & Existing	All Hazards	All	District	Low	District	Short Term

Table 13-9. Mitigation Strategy Priority Schedule

Action #	# of Objectives Met	Benefits	Costs	Do Benefits Equal or Exceed Costs?	Is Project Grant-Eligible?	Can Project Be Funded Under Existing Programs/Budgets?	Implementation Priority ^a	Grant Priority ^a
1	3	High	Medium	Yes	Yes	No	High	High
2	3	High	Medium	Yes	Yes	Yes	High	High
3	3	High	Low	Yes	Yes	Yes	High	High
4	3	High	Medium	Yes	Yes	No	Low	Low
5	All	High	Low	Yes	No	Yes	High	High
6	All	High	Low	Yes	No	Yes	High	High

a. See the introduction to this volume for explanation of priorities.

Table 13-10. Analysis of Mitigation Actions

Hazard Type	Action Addressing Hazard, by Mitigation Type ^a					
	1. Prevention	2. Property Protection	3. Public Education and Awareness	4. Natural Resource Protection	5. Emergency Services	6. Structural Projects
Flood		1, 2				1, 2, 4
Earthquake						3
Severe Weather	5,6	5,6	5,6		5,6	
Dam Failure	5,6	5,6	5,6		5,6	

a. See the introduction to this volume for explanation of mitigation types.

