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**I**n the recent past, Arizona has seen an increase in the number and size of disasters. Disasters such as floods, wildfires, winter storms and other natural and technological disasters leave people injured or displaced and cause significant damage to the environment and millions of dollars worth of damage to property.

While no means of prevention can completely eliminate the effects of disasters, hazard mitigation can significantly reduce the impact. Hazard mitigation is one of the ways to permanently reduce the long-term risk to life and property from disasters. It is proven to save lives, protect against enormous property losses, and alleviate the upheavals that accompany disaster.

Hazard mitigation along with preparedness, response, and recovery is an essential element of a comprehensive emergency management program.

The Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) along with other state and federal agencies have an ongoing commitment in reducing the effects of disasters. Therefore, this brochure was developed in an effort to inform and educate citizens and community officials in mitigation and preparedness activities.

# MITIGATION

*for Arizona Local Governments*

*Reduce the risk to people and property  
from natural and human-caused hazards*

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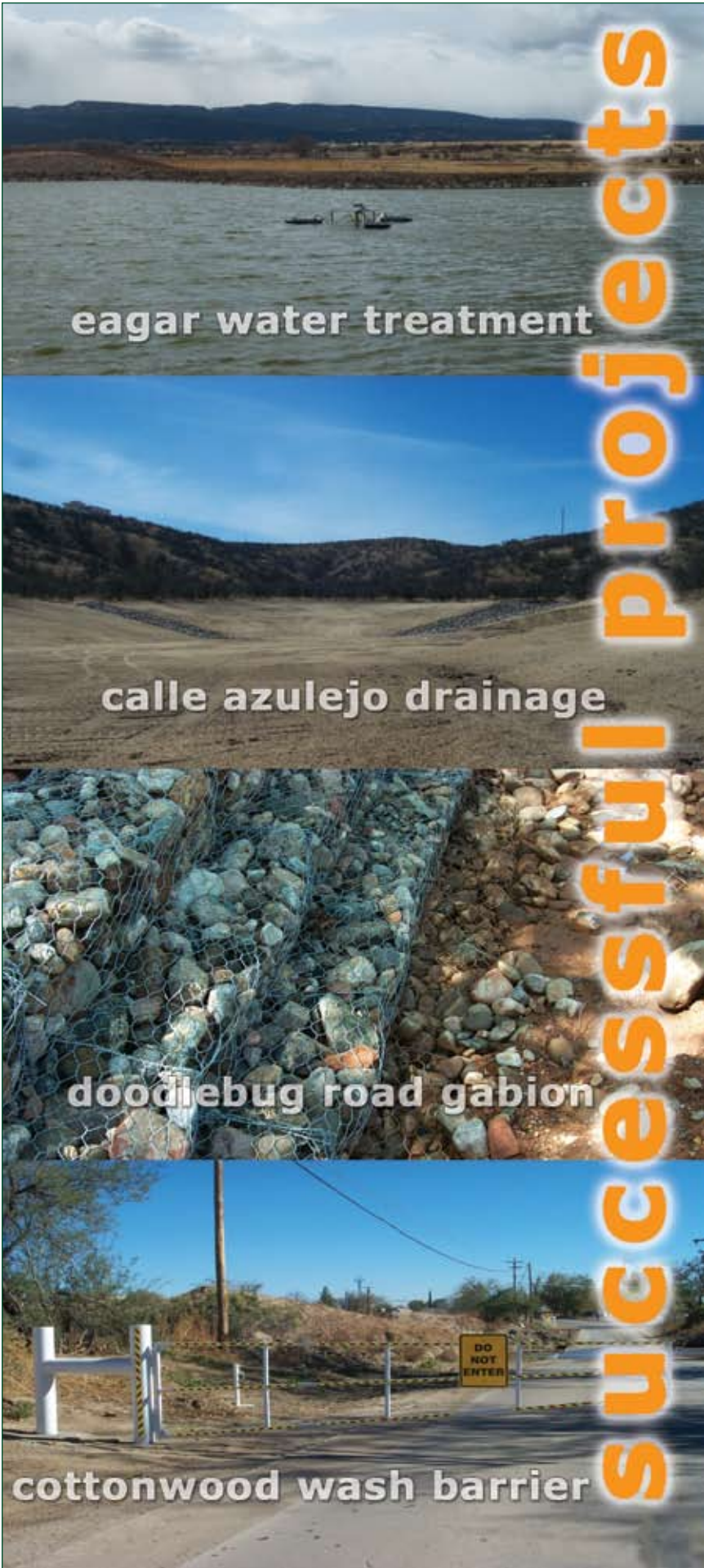


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MITIGATION: Building Safer, Stronger, Smarter

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-  <http://www.azein.gov>
-  <http://www.justincasearizona.com>
-  <http://www.azwater.gov>
-  <http://www.azgs.az.gov>
-  <http://www.fema.gov>
-  <http://www.land.state.az.us>
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-  <http://www.floodsmart.gov>

