



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

**Department Name:** County Executive Office /  
Office of Emergency  
Management  
**Department No.:** 012  
**For Agenda Of:** May 6, 2014  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:**  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

---

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Directors  
Contact Info: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer, 568-3400  
Ryan Rockabrand, Director of Office of Emergency Management  
Richard Abrams, CEM, Emergency Manager, 681.5526

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Adopting the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by Reference into the Safety Element of the Santa Barbara County General Plan

---

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors

- A. Adopt the attached Resolution incorporating by reference the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as part of the Safety Element of the Santa Barbara County General Plan in accordance with the requirements of California Government Code section 8685.9 (Attachment 1); and
- B. Determine that the adoption of the Resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the adoption of the Resolution is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment 2).

**Summary Text:**

The Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Mitigation Division requires a Board Resolution incorporating the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (“Plan”) by reference and as part of the Safety Element of the Santa Barbara County General Plan. Both the Plan and the Safety Element have been adopted by the Board. CalOES Mitigation requires a specific Resolution adopting the Plan into the Safety Element. The adoption of this Resolution could potentially save Santa Barbara County significant local recovery costs.

**Background:**

In October 2006, the State Legislature passed AB 2140, enacted as California Government Code section 8685.9. Following a major disaster, the federal recovery cost share for recovery projects is 75%. The California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funds recovery costs to 18.75%. Santa Barbara County is responsible for the remaining 6.25% of the project recovery costs. California Government Code section 8685.9(a) provides the possibility that the State, through CDAA, may fund both the state and local share for certain disaster recovery projects, if the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is incorporated by reference and as part of the Safety Element of the Santa Barbara County General Plan. The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors adopted the revised Safety Element of the Santa Barbara County General Plan August 10, 2010, and adopted the FEMA approved Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan September 23, 2011. This Resolution formally incorporating the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by reference and as part of the Safety Element establishes compliance with California Government Code section 8685.9 and may qualify Santa Barbara County for additional post disaster mitigation funding.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There are no fiscal or facility impacts by adopting this Resolution.

**Special Instructions:**

The Clerk of the Board provides a certified copy of the resolution and minute order to OEM staff for final processing.

**Attachments:**

Resolution  
Notice of Exemption

**Authored by:**

Richard Abrams, CEM, Office of Emergency Management