



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO/OEM
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: August 22, 2017
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 20 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Director(s)
Contact Info: Robert Lewin, Director of Emergency Management
Michael W. Dyer, 681-5526
Office of Emergency Management
SUBJECT: Adoption of the 2017 Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board Supervisors:

- a) Receive a staff report on the process of updating Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan from emergency management staff.
- b) Adopt by resolution the updated Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- c) Adopt resolution resolving to integrate by reference the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Santa Barbara County Safety Element of the General Plan with the next Safety Element Update, as required by Government Code sections 65302 and 8685.9.
- d) Receive and file the Annual Progress Report as prepared by Public Works for submission to the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and
- e) Determine that the adoption of this Plan is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as provided by CEQA guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3).
(No possibility of impact on the environment).

Summary Text:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires local governments to provide and maintain a hazard mitigation plan. The Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation

Plan (“Plan”) is a comprehensive document that evaluates natural, technological, and human caused disaster impacts on the public and local government. It also identifies County resources and capabilities and proposes mitigation actions or projects to reduce future impacts. The Plan identifies potential hazards that could impact the county and assists emergency management staff with response planning, exercise development, public education, awareness programs and other emergency management functions.

The Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Mitigation Division requires a Board Resolution adopting the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (“Plan”). Further, state law requires that the Safety Element integrate the Plan by reference. Both the previous Plan and the Safety Element have been adopted by the Board, and the Safety Element incorporates the previous Plan by reference. Under Government Code section 65302(g)(4), as of January 1, 2017, the Safety Element is required to “be reviewed and updated as necessary to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies.” Planning and Development will bring an item to the Board in the future to address the new Government Code section 65302 requirements.

Background:

The Plan is a technical document that contains significant engineering and other technical information that promotes technically-based emergency planning, community education and awareness, and influences land use policies based on known threats and risks. To create a new plan, particularly with the volume of technical information contained, the Office of Emergency Management obtained a Hazard Mitigation Grant to use the services of a professional consultant, Andrew Petrow.

Facilitating county-wide Plan development, a Mitigation Advisory Committee (MAC) was formed again in April 2015 to update the Plan for Santa Barbara County as required by FEMA regulations. The MAC is composed of County staff and staff from all the cities; Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and Solvang. Public participation and input was achieved through bilingual press releases, surveys available on both County and city websites, and two public workshops. One workshop was held in the North County and one workshop was held in the South County.

Bilingual printed versions of the surveys were available at various locations in the County. Over 200 responses to the surveys countywide were received and considered. The Draft Plan was submitted to the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) September 13, 2016. Following the Cal OES review, revisions were made to the Draft Plan and forwarded to FEMA for review and approval. On June 28, 2017, FEMA preliminarily approved the County Plan and directed the Plan to be submitted to the governing body of the County for adoption. The incorporated cities develop their own Annex with mitigation actions and projects addressing issues unique to the jurisdiction. The Annexes are submitted to Cal OES and FEMA for review, approval and inclusion into the Multi-Jurisdictional Plan. Currently all jurisdictions have received preliminary approval from FEMA and are now seeking city council adoption.

The Plan is over 200 pages. A full copy of the plan can be found at www.countyofsb.org/ceo/oes. Upon adoption by the Board, copies will be made available for each Board of Supervisor’s office.

Local governments without an approved Plan will not be eligible to receive post disaster Hazard

Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project grants. Future mitigation project funding awarded through the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant programs, and the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) low-interest, small business loans are also at risk without an approved and adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors adopted the revised Safety Element of the General Plan August 10, 2010, and previously adopted the FEMA approved Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan on September 23, 2011. The Board previously adopted a resolution on May 6, 2014 formally adopting the Plan by reference into the Safety Element establishing compliance with California Government Code 8685.9 and 65302.6.

By the Board receiving the Department of Public Works Annual Progress Report, it will satisfy one of the requirements of the Community Rating System (CRS) for the County to receive CRS points as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). These points help reduce the National Flood Insurance Premiums for the residents of the unincorporated Santa Barbara County by up to 20%.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Adoption of this Plan ensures continued FEMA project funding for mitigation projects identified in the Plan. Future FEMA funding for pre disaster and post disaster projects are also dependent on the adoption of this Plan.

Special Instructions:

Please forward one copy of the Minute Order and one copy of the adopted resolution to Sonia Thompson, Office of Emergency Management and a copy of the minute order to the Flood Control District office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution adopting the 2017 Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Attachment B: Resolution to integrate by reference the 2017 Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in the Safety Element of the Santa Barbara County General Plan.
- Attachment C: June 28, 2017 Preliminary Approval Letter from FEMA.
- Attachment D: Public Works-Annual Progress Report
- Attachment E: Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

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