



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: CEO (Office of Emergency Management)  
Department No.: 012  
For Agenda Of: September 13, 2011  
Placement: Departmental  
Estimated Tme: 20 minutes  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s) Michael D. Harris, Emergency Operations Chief  
Contact Info: Richard Abrams, Emergency Manager, 681-5526  
Office of Emergency Management  
**SUBJECT:** Adoption of 2011 Santa Barbara County Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form:

**Recommended Actions:**

- A. Receive a staff report on identified hazards in the County from emergency management staff.
- B. Adopt by resolution the updated Santa Barbara County Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Summary Text:**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires local governments to provide and maintain a hazard mitigation plan. The Santa Barbara County Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan ("Plan") is a comprehensive document that evaluates natural disaster impacts on the public and local government, identifies County resources and capabilities to respond to the impacts and proposes mitigation actions or projects designed to reduce the impacts of natural disaster on the public and local government throughout the County.

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.

**Background:**

The current Plan for Santa Barbara County was approved in 2005 and is due for renewal. 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 \$77,633 Hazard

Mitigation Grant to use the services of a professional firm; Dewberry (Board Resolution 10-286; October 26, 2010).

Facilitating county-wide Plan development, a Mitigation Advisory Committee (MAC) was formed in September 2010 to update the Plan for Santa Barbara County as required by FEMA regulations. The MAC is composed of County staff and staff from the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and Solvang. Public participation and input was achieved through bilingual press releases and surveys available on both County and city websites. Bilingual printed versions of the surveys were available at various locations in the county. Over 500 responses countywide were received and considered. The public responses are documented in the Plan Appendices. The Draft Plan was submitted to the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) June 30, 2011. Following the Cal EMA review, the Draft Plan was forwarded to FEMA for review and approval. On July 29, 2011, FEMA 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 CalEMA and FEMA for review, approval and inclusion into the Multi Jurisdictional Plan.

The Plan is over 300 pages. A full copy of the plan can be found at [www.countyofsb.org/ceo/oes](http://www.countyofsb.org/ceo/oes). Upon adoption by the Board, copies will be made available for each Board 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.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Adoption of this Plan ensures continued FEMA project funding for the seismic safety construction retrofit of the Santa Maria Courthouse. Future FEMA funding for pre disaster and post disaster projects are also dependent on the adoption of this Plan.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward two (2) copies of the Minute Order and two (2) copies of the adopted resolution to Richard Abrams, Emergency Manager, Office of Emergency Management and forward one (1) copy of the minute Order and one (1) copy of the adopted resolution to Scott McGolpin, Director Public Works.

**Attachments:**

- Resolution adopting the 2011 Santa Barbara County Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Executive Summary of the County Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- July 29, 2011 Approval Letter from FEMA.

**Authored by:**

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