

ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE)
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT)
FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF) RESOLUTION NO. _____
EMERGENCY SERVICES (CAL OES) HAZARD)
MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM AND)
EXECUTE PROJECT RELATED AGREEMENTS)
FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA'S)
SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE PROJECT)

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) made major federal disaster declarations for multiple areas of the state of California in 2017. The State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has announced a call-for-applications for hazard mitigation planning grants funded through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), under the specific authority of the Robert T. Stafford Emergency Assistance and Disaster Relief Act (Stafford Act).
2. On January 2, 2018, FEMA issued a Major Disaster Declaration for Santa Barbara County due to the Thomas Fire of 2017 and subsequent debris flows. This declaration has made the County eligible to receive HMGP funds.
3. On January 30, 2018, Santa Barbara County Planning and Development submitted a Notice of Interest to apply for HMGP funding made available from the October 2017 California wildfires (disaster code DR-4344).
4. The HMGP is intended to fund local and regional hazard mitigation planning projects that further goals set by the State of California's Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan (ESHMP). The primary purpose of the ESHMP, and the HMGP funding, is to fund projects and plans that can reduce the effects of future natural disasters. The awarded projects and plans aim to enact mitigation measures and adaptation strategies that reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters.
5. The Safety Element of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1979 and last amended in 2015 to include AB 162 provisions of updated flood hazard information. Since this amendment, there has been a requirement for the Safety Element to "be reviewed and updated as necessary to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies" per California Government Code Section 65302(g)(4).
6. The County of Santa Barbara adopted a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) in 2017, and has resolved to integrate the MJHMP by reference into the

Comprehensive Plan Safety Element with the next update. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 65302, 65302.6, and 8685.9, the County must revise the Comprehensive Plan Safety Element to identify new information relating to flood and fire hazards that was not available during the previous revision of the safety element.

7. Applying for a Hazard Mitigation Grant would provide the Planning and Development Department an opportunity to receive grant funding, which, if accepted, would be used to fund a robust hazard risk and vulnerability assessment for the entire unincorporated County, that would in turn be used to update the Safety Element and the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The vulnerability assessment would assess risk from future wildfire, drought, flooding, heat, severe storm, and other hazards that may be exacerbated by changes in global and regional climate and local conditions. An anticipated future county-wide adaptation plan would then use the vulnerability information to create adaption strategies and propose mitigation efforts to reduce future vulnerabilities.
8. Cal OES requires applicants to state by resolution the title of the person authorized to enter into a contract to accept grants with Cal OES if the grant is awarded, prior to submission of said applications to the State.
9. The application for grant funding is statutorily exempt from environmental review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15262 because the project involves planning studies for identification of possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded by the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. The Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the Planning and Development Department, or designee, (1) to submit a grant application including all required attachments and supporting documentation to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) #DR-4344 for a County-wide hazard risk and vulnerability assessment for fiscal years 2018-2019 through 2020-2021 in the amount of \$444,215, (2) if awarded, to enter into a grant agreement, and (3) to make any certifications and assurances that may be required by the grant agreement."
3. The grant application is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this ____ day of _____, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

DAS WILLIAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

MONA MIYASATO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel