

City of Hesperia

STAFF REPORT



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TO: Mayor and Council Members

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SUBJECT: 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-16, adopting the 2017 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and authorize staff to make future non-substantive revisions to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) was enacted on October 10, 2000, establishing new requirements for state and local agencies to submit a comprehensive Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) to the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in order to be eligible for hazard mitigation grant funding. The regulation requires that HMPs be updated and resubmitted to FEMA for approval every five (5) years in order for an agency to remain eligible for FEMA supported hazard mitigation assistance programs.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

The original HMP was approved by City Council through Resolution No. 2005-58 on April 6, 2005. The City recently participated with the San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services Operational Area in the planning process to revise the HMP according to compliance standards set forth by FEMA. The City's review and revision of the HMP Update reflects changes in development, progress of previously identified mitigation projects in the 2012 Plan, and hazard priorities.

Consistent with the standards set forth by FEMA, the 2017 HMP describes the process for identifying hazards, risks and vulnerabilities; identifies and prioritizes mitigation actions; encourages the development of local mitigation; and provides technical support for those efforts.

The HMP represents the City's commitment to reduce risks from natural and manmade hazards and serves as a guide for decision-makers as they commit resources toward reducing the effects of potential hazards. The HMP also builds on the objectives established in the Public Safety Element of the 2010 General Plan Update.

In accordance with FEMA planning regulations; the City of Hesperia HMP was submitted to CalOES in August 2017 for an initial assessment; following their review and approval, Cal EMA forwarded the HMP to FEMA for final review and approval. FEMA conducted a formal review of

the HMP in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations and notified the City on March 6, 2018 they have completed their review and have determined that the HMP is eligible for final approval pending its adoption by the City Council.

The 2017 HMP Update is a revised version of the City of Hesperia's 2012 HMP and through the final approval of the HMP, the City continues many years of its commitment to the prevention and reduction of risks through hazard mitigation planning. Many City departments and particularly those departments with field services have been proactive in implementing procedures to reduce potential damages and losses from disasters.

It is staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-16, approving the 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Formal adoption of the City's HMP is the final step in meeting the requirements of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and establishes the City's continued eligibility for FEMA supported hazard mitigation assistance programs.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact as a result of adoption the 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan. However, City Council adoption of the HMP is a prerequisite for receiving any hazard mitigation grant funding, pre-disaster mitigation grant funds, disaster response costs and mitigation project reimbursements linked to damages resulting from a federal and/or state disaster declaration.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Resolution No. 2018-16
2. FEMA Review Letter
3. 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (available on the City's website)