

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING: February 2, 2016	AGENDA NO.:
SUBJECT: Receive a report on the 2015 Monterey County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan	
DEPARTMENT: County Administrative Office - Office of Emergency Services	

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisor receive a report on the 2015 Monterey County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (the Plan).

SUMMARY:

The report will describe the planning efforts put forth to update the 2009 Monterey County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; stakeholders and public input; and the mitigation goals and strategies developed as part of the Plan. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has completed the initial review of the Plan and has approved the plan pending local adoption.

DISCUSSION:

Monterey County is potentially vulnerable to a wide range of natural and manmade hazards. These hazards can threaten the life and safety of residents and visitors, and have the potential to damage or destroy both public and private property and disrupt the local economy and overall quality of life.

While the threats from hazard events may never be fully eliminated, there is much we can do to lessen their potential impact on our communities. By minimizing the damaging impacts of hazards upon our built environment, we can prevent such events from resulting in disasters. The concept and practice of reducing risks to people and property from known hazards is called hazard mitigation. No amount of preparation can guarantee absolute protection of local residence and property, but local agencies have come together to prepare and educate themselves and local residence to the greatest extent possible to promote and encourage preparedness and safety, even if 100% protection cannot be ensured.

The mitigation plan establishes the broad local vision and guiding principles for reducing hazard risk, and proposes specific mitigation actions to eliminate or reduce identified vulnerabilities. The Monterey County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is an effective approach to facilitate incorporation of hazard mitigation principles and practices into routine government activities and functions of the County and the 12 municipalities participating in this Plan. Communities with an adopted and federally-approved hazard mitigation plan are eligible to receive certain types of mitigation funds before and after future disaster declarations, and, in some ways, are “pre-positioned” or “pre-qualified” for this funding.

This Plan was prepared in coordination with FEMA and the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to ensure that it meets all applicable federal and state requirements.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

External Agencies: The geographic scope (i.e., the “planning area”) for the Plan includes all incorporated and unincorporated areas of Monterey County. This includes Monterey County and the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, City of Del Rey Oaks, City of Gonzales, City of Greenfield, City

of King City, City of Marina, City of Monterey, City of Pacific Grove, City of Salinas, City of Sand City, City of Seaside, and the City of Soledad. California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES); Internal Departments/Agencies: CAO; OES; WRA; RMA.

FINANCING:

There is no impact to the general fund related to receipt of this report.

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Attachment: Exhibit A: Executive Summary

Exhibit B: Monterey County Specific Annex and Mitigation Action Plan

Exhibit C: Power Point Presentation