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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City Wide**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report recommends that the City Council, by resolution:

Adopt the "Sacramento County, California Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan" as an official plan for updating existing plans and/or completing or creating new activities that mitigate or limit the impact of natural disasters.

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**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** May 17, 2005

**SUMMARY:**

The Robert T. Stafford Act (Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000) requires communities to develop a multi-hazard mitigation plan (Plan) considering potential ways to mitigate the influence of natural hazards. Through the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC), a Plan for Sacramento County and its participating municipalities has been developed. The Sacramento County Plan was submitted to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and has been tentatively approved, pending formal adoption by the City. This is a countywide plan and each participating city and special district may also adopt the Plan for their jurisdiction. Adoption of the attached resolution by the City would approve the Plan and allow for final acceptance by FEMA.



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**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:**

None.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On April 8, 2004, the Council adopted Resolution 2004-256 that authorized City staff to formally authorized City participation on the HMPC to develop a multi-jurisdictional, countywide Plan. The HMPC was made up of various agencies including the County, cities, law enforcement, fire, flood control and reclamation districts, water districts and other authorized governing bodies within the County.

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities, County of Sacramento, Department of Water Resources and the County's Office of Emergency Services were the lead agencies for the development of the Plan. In addition a consultant, AMEC Earth and Environmental, Inc., was hired to facilitate the formation of the HMPC and development of the Plan among all the participating agencies. Ultimately, AMEC provided guidance in the development and review of the Plan to ensure that it would meet FEMA and other federal requirements necessary for approval of the Plan by FEMA.

Key to the development of the Plan was the gathering of existing emergency response plans, mitigation plans, information and studies already developed separately by the participating agencies that address the disasters and condensing that information into a multi-jurisdictional plan. Further, participation of the public, both on the HMPC and in the review and comment of the draft versions of the Plan, was critical to the successful completion of the plan.

The final Plan addresses methods to mitigate different types of disasters including flood, earthquake, high wind, tornado, drought, fire and other types of disasters which are realistic threats to the Sacramento Region. The plan includes an assessment of the hazards, risks and vulnerabilities to the community from those disasters and identifies mitigation measures and responsible implementation agencies to lessen the threat or impact from those disasters.

The Plan recommends that the City implement the following:

- Update the Repetitive Loss List Category of structures for purposes of the FEMA National Insurance Flood Program (NFIP) Community Rating System. (This activity is currently part of the City's Community Rating System (CRS)).
- Evaluate appropriate mitigation strategies for each repetitive loss property. (This is currently done as part of the City's CRS).

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- Work with SAFCA, California Department of Water Resources, and U.S. Corp of Engineers to complete Flood Erosion Protection Projects to achieve recertification of 100-year protection on the American River. (This task was completed in February with the last FEMA re-map).
- Coordinate with SAFCA on proposed levee improvements along Morrison Creek. (This task is a current City and SAFCA priority that requires State and Federal funding for completion).
- Coordinate with SAFCA on completion of the South Sacramento Streams Group Projects in 2005. (This task is a current City and SAFCA priority that requires State and Federal funding for completion).
- Coordinate with SAFCA, California Department of Water Resources, U.S. Corp of Engineers and Sacramento County on proposed flood control projects on Magpie Creek. (This task is a current City and SAFCA priority that requires State and Federal funding for completion).
- Coordinate with the State and Sacramento County to create defensible space to protect vital infrastructure located on the American River Parkway from wildfires. (This recommendation will be completed with County acting as the lead, as they maintain jurisdiction over the American River Parkway).
- Integrate the critical facilities identified during this planning effort with the City's GIS technical group to support emergency management efforts. (This is a part of the City's current Comprehensive Flood Management Plan and its CRS).
- Explore the use of Reverse 911 to warn residents about impending hazards such as floods.
- Coordinate with SAFCA on public education and outreach regarding the changing flood insurance requirements related to the recertification of property owners in the South Sacramento Streams Group, American River, Chicken/Strong Ranch floodplains. (This task was completed for residents within the American River floodplain. It will be completed in a similar fashion for residents of the South Sacramento Streams Group and Chicken/Strong Ranch Slough floodplains).
- Implement a 3-year public information program strategy to inform and educate the public on flood and other hazards. (This activity is currently a part of the City's CRS).

On March 21, 2005 FEMA approved the Sacramento County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, pending final adoption by the participating jurisdictions. Any jurisdiction that does not adopt the plan does not jeopardize FEMA's approval for the jurisdictions that do adopt the plan. A copy of the final plan is in the City Clerk's office and may also be viewed on-line at [www.saccodwr.org](http://www.saccodwr.org).

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

This item will not result in any fiscal impact. Development of the Plan was previously funded by the City of Folsom (\$10,835), the City of Sacramento (\$23,500), the Sacramento County Water Agency (\$35,606), and a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant from FEMA (\$77,344).

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Environmental Planning Services has determined that the adoption of a natural hazard mitigation plan is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. Exemption 15061(b)(3) consists of an activity covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of the plan may have a significant effect on the environment, the adoption of the plan is not subject to CEQA. However, activities, which may be funded, will require future discretionary approval in order to proceed with actual construction/development. At the time of action for the activities, appropriate CEQA environmental documentation will also be completed.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

An approved natural hazards mitigation plan is required to assure compliance with Federal regulations and the City's continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System. The City's continued participation in the Community Rating System provides the residents with lower cost flood insurance saving. Additionally, this completed and approved plan will make the City eligible to receive grant funding to complete the tasks stated in the plan.

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**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

No goods or services are requested with this report.

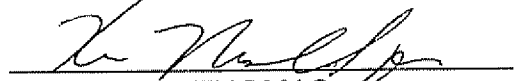
Respectfully Submitted,



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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

Approved:



ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager



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Director of Utilities

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# RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

## ADOPTING THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

**Whereas**, City of Sacramento recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

**Whereas**, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

**Whereas**, an adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

**Whereas**, City of Sacramento fully participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**Whereas**, the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA, Region IX officials have reviewed the "*Sacramento County, California Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan*" (December, 2004) and approved it (March 21, 2005) contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governments and entities;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the City of Sacramento adopts the "*Sacramento County, California Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan*" as an official plan.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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