



MEMORANDUM
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: May 17, 2016
FROM: David Boesch, County Executive Officer
By: John McEldowney, Emergency Services Program Manager
SUBJECT: Placer County 2016 Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Adopt a Resolution to approve the Placer County 2016 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update.
2. Authorize the Emergency Services Program Manager to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide any additional clarification and documents for the LHMP and transmit the FEMA-approved LHMP to apply for FEMA-grant funding under DR-4240 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

BACKGROUND

Congress adopted the Disaster Mitigation Act 2000 (DMA-2000) on October 31, 2000 as PL106-390. The emphasis of DMA-2000 is on creating an ongoing, community-wide public/government planning process that results in the local governing board formally adopting a LHMP

Mitigation planning is a process for state and local governments to identify community-level policies and actions that will mitigate and thus reduce the impacts of natural hazards. As specified by DMA-2000, local governments are required to update their LHMP every five years in order to remain eligible for future federal disaster mitigation funding. In accordance with DMA-2000, a LHMP must describe the type, location, and extent of all natural hazards that can affect the jurisdiction; describe the jurisdictions vulnerability to these hazards; include a mitigation strategy that provides the jurisdictions blueprint for reducing the potential losses; and, contain a plan maintenance process.

In 2005, Placer County Office of Emergency Services (PCOES), working with 15 jurisdictions and a hired consultant, AMEC Consulting, completed the original LHMP and subsequently received your Board's adoption and FEMA approval. For the first update in 2010, PCOES applied and received a FEMA grant, hired AMEC Consulting, and partnered with 17 jurisdictions to complete the LHMP update resulting in the Board's adoption and FEMA approval. The County's Safety Element was amended to incorporate the 2005 LHMP.

For the 2016 LHMP update project, PCOES received a FEMA grant in May 2014 and hired Foster Morrison Consulting in early April of 2015. Following a similar process as required by FEMA for the 2005 and 2010 LHMPs, the process began with the reconvening of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) Working Group followed by conducting a publicly noticed kick-off meeting in late April 2015. Seven other working meetings, all publicly noticed, were held in subsequent months to conduct the LHMP planning and updating process. The HMPC Working Group consisted of representatives from select County Departments, the cities of Colfax, Auburn, Lincoln and Rocklin, the Town of Loomis, and participating Fire Districts and Special Districts within the County. All HMPC members contributed substantially to the LHMP update process. Additionally, public meetings were held at the beginning of the project and near conclusion of the project to provide the public multiple opportunities to ask questions and provide input on the LHMP Update.

The 2016 Placer County LHMP update, meets the requirements of DMA-2000. Key LHMP highlights include:

- Positioning the County and participating jurisdictions to compete more effectively for pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding.

- Development of the LHMP update in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) Activity 510 requirements to enhance the floodplain management programs of the County and Cities and to help reduce the cost of flood insurance for County residents.
- Participation of 22 participating jurisdictions including the County, five incorporated communities and 16 special districts.
- An updated hazard risk assessment for 18 hazards, which included flood, wildfire, drought, earthquake, dam failure, seiche, severe storms, and agricultural hazards as priority hazards of concern to the County.
- An assessment of the impact of climate change on identified hazards of concern.
- Development of an updated mitigation strategy for the County and all participating jurisdictions, including new plan goals and objectives and the identification of 135 mitigation actions to address identified hazards.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is reviewing the 2016 LHMP and upon completion will forward to FEMA for review and approval. FEMA may request additional documentation or clarification prior to final approval of the 2016 LHMP and staff has requested the Board provide the Program Manager with authority to provide such information. While staff does not anticipate that FEMA will require substantive changes to the 2016 LHMP, should this occur, staff would return to the Board for adoption of the amended version.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action itself does not create any fiscal impact. However, FEMA has selected three (3) Notice of Interest (NOI) filings from Placer County totaling \$3.37 million for submission of full applications for competitive grant funding request from the DR-4240 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (Presidential Declaration for the Butte Fire and Valley Fire in 2015). The Board's approval of a resolution to adopt the LHMP and authorize the Program Manager to submit the FEMA-approved LHMP with the 3 grant applications will allow staff to submit the same by the deadline of June 16, 2016, for consideration. FEMA grant funding for these three projects is contingent on the County having a FEMA-approved and board adopted LHMP. The NOI filings are for the following named projects:

Sponsoring Agency	Name of Project	Request Amount
PCOES	N. Fork American River Canyon Rim Veg. Management	\$1,723,738
North Tahoe Public Utility District	Backup Generator Install	\$150,000
North Tahoe Fire Protection District	Fire Adapted Community & Defensible Space	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

Total Grants Application Funding with FEMA & BOS Approved LHMP - \$3,373,738

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

List of Participating Jurisdictions (2016)

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2016) - On file with the Placer County Clerk of the Boards' Office and at the following link: <http://www.placer.ca.gov/departments/ceo/emergency/local-hazard-mitigation-plan>

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: Adoption of the Placer County 2016 Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) and Authorization for the Emergency Services Program Manager to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide any additional clarification and documents for the LHMP and transmit the FEMA-approved LHMP to apply for FEMA-grant funding under DR-4240 Hazard Mitigation

Resolution No.: _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, Congress adopted the Disaster Mitigation Act 2000 (DMA-2000) on October 31, 2000 as PL106-390. The emphasis of DMA-2000 is on creating an ongoing, community-wide public/government planning process that results in the local governing board formally adopting a LHMP.

WHEREAS, mitigation planning is a process for state and local governments to identify community-level policies and actions that will mitigate and thus reduce the impacts of natural hazards. As specified by DMA-2000, local governments are required to complete and update a LHMP every five years in order to remain eligible for future federal disaster mitigation funding. In accordance with DMA-2000, a LHMP must describe the type, location, and extent of all natural hazards that can affect the jurisdiction; describe the jurisdictions vulnerability to these hazards; include a mitigation strategy that provides the jurisdictions blueprint for reducing the potential losses; and contain a plan maintenance process.

WHEREAS, in 2005, Placer County Office of Emergency Services (PCOES) working with 15 jurisdictions and a hired consultant, AMEC Consulting, completed the original LHMP and subsequently received your Board's adoption and FEMA approval. The Board incorporated the LHMP into the County's General Plan Safety Element.

WHEREAS, in 2010, PCOES applied and received a FEMA grant, hired AMEC Consulting, and partnered with 17 jurisdictions to complete the LHMP update resulting in the Board's adoption and FEMA approval.

WHEREAS, for the 2016 LHMP update project, PCOES received a FEMA grant in May 2014 and hired Foster Morrison Consulting in early April of 2015. Following a similar process as required by FEMA for the 2005 and 2010 LHMPs, the process began with the reconvening of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) Working Group followed by a publicly noticed kick-off meeting in late April 2015. Seven other working meetings, all publicly noticed, were held in subsequent months to conduct the LHMP planning and updating process. The HMPC Working Group consisted of representatives from select County Departments, the cities of Colfax, Auburn, Lincoln and Rocklin, the Town of Loomis, and participating Fire Districts and Special Districts within the County. All HMPC members contributed substantially to the LHMP update process. Additionally, public meetings were held at the beginning of the project and near conclusion of the project to provide the public multiple opportunities to ask questions and provide input on the LHMP Update.

WHEREAS, the 2016 Placer County LHMP Update meets the requirements of DMA-2000. Key LHMP highlights include:

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WHEREAS, in October 2006, the California Legislature passed AB 2140 which became effective January 1, 2007. This bill prohibits the state share for any eligible project from exceeding 75% of total state eligible costs unless the local agency is located within a city, county, or city and county that has adopted a local hazard mitigation plan in accordance with DMA-2000 as part of the safety element of its general plan, in which case the Legislature may provide for a state share of local costs that exceeds 75% of total state eligible costs.

WHEREAS, among other requirements specific to the development of a FEMA-approved LHMP, the local agency must provide a certified copy of the Resolution of Adoption to FEMA demonstrating that the approved LHMP has been adopted and incorporated into the Safety Element of the General Plan. While not a guarantee, adoption of the LHMP into the Safety Element of the General Plan would allow Placer County to qualify for additional funding for certain disaster recovery projects.

WHEREAS, approval of this action itself does not create any fiscal impact. However, FEMA has selected three (3) Notice of Interest (NOI) filings from Placer County totaling \$3.37 million for submission of full applications for competitive grant funding request from the DR-4240 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (Presidential Declaration for the Butte Fire and Valley Fire in 2015). The Board's approval of a resolution to adopt the FEMA-approved LHMP will enable the 3 applications to be submitted by the deadline of June 16, 2016, for grant consideration. FEMA grant funding for these three projects is contingent on the County having a FEMA-approved, board adopted LHMP.

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors, County of Placer, and State of California hereby approves the Placer County 2016 Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) update.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors, County of Placer, State of California, hereby incorporates into the Placer County General Plan Safety Element by reference the Placer County 2016 Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) update.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors, County of Placer, State of California, hereby authorizes the Emergency Services Program Manager to work with FEMA to provide any additional clarification and documents for the LHMP and transmit the FEMA-approved LHMP to apply for FEMA-grant funding under DR-4240 Hazard Mitigation.

Placer County 2016 Update LHMP
List of Participating Jurisdictions (22)

*Placer County**
*City of Auburn**
*City of Colfax**
*City of Lincoln**
*City of Rocklin**
*Town of Loomis**
Alta Fire Protection District
*Alpine Springs County Water District**
*Foresthill Fire Protection District**
Loomis Fire Protection District
*Nevada Irrigation District**
NorthStar Community Service District/Fire Department
*North Tahoe Fire Protection District**
North Tahoe Public Utility District
*Placer County Flood Control & Water Conservation District**
*Placer County Water Agency**
*Placer Hills Fire Protection District**
South Placer Fire Protection District
*Squaw Valley Community Services District**
*Tahoe City Public Utilities District**
*Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District**
Truckee Fire Protection District

** Participated in 2010 LHMP*