



**MEMORANDUM**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE**  
**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**  
County of Placer

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** November 16, 2021  
**FROM:** Todd Leopold, County Executive Officer  
**BY:** Dave Atkinson, Assistant Director of Emergency Services  
**SUBJECT:** Placer County 2021 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Adopt a Resolution adopting the Placer County 2021 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

**BACKGROUND**

Mitigation is one of the five mission areas identified in the US National Preparedness Goal and is focused on reducing the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters. Our communities are vulnerable to threats and hazards that present long-term risks to people and their property. Mitigation is risk management action taken to avoid, reduce, or transfer those risks. By reducing the impact of disasters, mitigation supports protection and prevention activities, eases response, and speeds recovery to create better prepared and more resilient communities.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recognizes that effective mitigation occurs at the local level, where communities apply a localized understanding of risks to effective planning and identify strategic mitigation options. Since local governments are directly connected to community plans and goals, they can provide a better understanding of local vulnerabilities as they relate to risk reduction activities. It is with this outlook that Congress adopted the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA-2000) on October 31, 2000. The emphasis of DMA-2000 is on creating an ongoing, community-wide planning process that results in the local governing board formally adopting a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). Hazard mitigation planning is the process through which hazards that threaten communities are identified, likely impacts determined, mitigation goals set, and appropriate mitigation strategies implemented.

In 2005, Placer County in conjunction with 15 jurisdictions and AMEC Consulting, completed the original LHMP and subsequently received your Board's adoption and FEMA approval. The LHMP was updated and approved utilizing the same process in 2010 and 2016; both updates were subsequently approved by your Board.

For the Placer County 2021 LHMP Update, Foster Morrison Consulting was hired and reconvened the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) Working Group followed by six public planning meetings. The HMPC Working Group consisted of representatives from 26 jurisdictions and included several County Departments; the cities of Colfax, Auburn, Lincoln and Rocklin, the Town of Loomis; and 20 participating Fire Protection and Special Districts. All HMPC members made contributions to the LHMP update process. Additionally, public meetings were held to provide the public opportunities to ask questions and provide input. The Placer County 2021 LHMP Update documents the hazard mitigation planning process and identifies relevant hazards, vulnerabilities, and strategies the County will use to decrease vulnerability and increase community resiliency and sustainability.

Based on the results of the risk assessment, the HMPC developed a mitigation strategy for reducing the County's and all participating jurisdictions' risk and vulnerability to hazards. The resulting Mitigation Strategy for the Placer County Planning Area is comprised of LHMP goals and objectives and a mitigation action plan which includes a series of mitigation action projects and implementation measures. Based on the risk assessment, the HMPC identified goals and objectives for reducing the Placer County Planning Area's vulnerability to hazards.

Additional highlights of the Placer County 2021 LHMP Update 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.
- 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 localized climate change, pandemic, and tree mortality 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 209 mitigation actions to address identified hazards.

Following final review by the HMPC and a public comment period, a final draft Placer County 2021 LHMP Update was submitted for review to both CalOES and FEMA at the end of June 2021. On September 3, 2021, FEMA transmitted an Approval Pending Adoption letter which stipulated that the Placer County 2021 LHMP Update met all the regulatory requirements and was eligible for final adoption by your Board.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Approval of this action does not create any fiscal impact.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution
2. FEMA Placer County Hazard Mitigation Plan, APA Letter September 3, 2021

A copy of the Placer County 2021 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, dated June 2021 is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

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

**In the matter of: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING  
THE PLACER COUNTY 2021 LOCAL HAZARD  
MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held November 16, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

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Clerk of said Board

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**WHEREAS**, Placer County 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**, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, an adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple state and federal pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Placer County fully participated in the Federal Emergency Management Agency prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this local hazard mitigation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Office of Emergency Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX officials have reviewed the Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and approve it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating jurisdiction's governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption by the Placer County Board of Supervisors demonstrates the jurisdiction's commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Placer County Board of Supervisors adopts the Placer County 2021 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update as an official plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Placer County will submit this adoption resolution to the California Office of Emergency Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IX officials to enable the plan's final approval in accordance with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and to establish conformance with the requirement of AB2140.



**FEMA**

September 3, 2021

Rod Rodriguez  
Emergency Services Coordinator  
Placer County Office of Emergency Services  
2968 Richardson Drive  
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

FEMA has completed its review of the *Placer County LHMP Update 2021* and has determined that this plan is eligible for final approval pending its adoption by Placer County and all participating jurisdictions. Please see the enclosed list of approvable pending adoption jurisdictions.

Formal adoption documentation must be submitted to FEMA Region IX by at least one participating jurisdiction within one calendar year of the date of this letter, or the entire plan must be updated and resubmitted for review. FEMA will approve the plan upon receipt of the documentation of formal adoption.

Once the plan is approved, each participating jurisdiction must adopt the plan within five calendar years of the date of the approval. The adoption of the plan by each jurisdiction ensures that jurisdiction's continued eligibility for funding under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs. All requests for funding, however, will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility, and other requirements of the particular program under which applications are submitted.

If you have any questions regarding the planning or review processes, please contact the FEMA Region IX Hazard Mitigation Planning Team at [fema-r9-mitigation-planning@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-r9-mitigation-planning@fema.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

*For*  
Alison Kearns  
Risk Analysis Branch Chief  
Mitigation Division  
FEMA Region IX

Enclosure (1)

Placer County Plan Review Tool, dated September 3, 2021

cc: Victoria LaMar-Haas, Hazard Mitigation Planning Chief, California Governor's Office of  
Emergency Services  
Jennifer Hogan, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, California Governor's Office of Emergency  
Services

Status of Participating Jurisdictions as of September 3, 2021

Jurisdictions – Adopted and Approved

#	Jurisdiction	Date of Adoption

Jurisdictions – Approvable Pending Adoption

1	Placer County
2	City of Auburn
3	City of Colfax
4	Town of Loomis
5	City of Lincoln
6	City of Rocklin
7	Alta Fire Protection District
8	Alpine Springs County Water District
9	Foresthill Fire Protection District
10	Foresthill Public Utility District
11	Nevada Irrigation District
12	Newcastle Fire Protection District
13	Northstar Community Service District/Fire Department
14	North Tahoe Fire Protection District
15	North Tahoe Public Utility District
16	Olympic Valley Fire and Public Utility District (was Squaw Valley Fire and Public Utility District)
17	Placer County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
18	Placer County Resource Conservation District
19	Placer County Water Agency
20	Placer Hills Fire Protection District (absorbed Loomis FPD, also a participant in the 2016 LHMP)
21	San Juan Water District
22	Sierra Joint Community College District
23	South Placer Fire Protection District
24	Tahoe City Public Utilities District
25	Truckee Fire Protection District
26	Placer County Air Pollution District