



DATE: May 8, 2018

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Fire

TITLE: **Resolution Adopting Mountain View's Annex Within the 2017 Santa Clara County Operational Area Hazard Mitigation Plan**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution of the City of Mountain View Adopting Volume I and Mountain View's Annex within Volume II of the 2017 Santa Clara County Operational Area Hazard Mitigation Plan, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).

BACKGROUND

In July 2016, a coalition of Santa Clara County cities and special districts embarked on a planning process to prepare for and lessen the impacts of specified natural hazards by updating the Santa Clara County Operational Area Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The HMP is the blueprint for reducing the Operational Area's vulnerability to disasters and hazards. Responding to Federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390), the partnership was formed to pool resources and to create a uniform hazard mitigation strategy that can be consistently applied to the defined planning area and used to ensure eligibility for specified grant funding.

This effort represents the third comprehensive update to the initial hazard mitigation plan, approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in November 2005 and developed in partnership with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), as well as a return to a truly regional effort following the 2010 planning process. The 16-member coalition of partners involved in this program includes unincorporated Santa Clara County, 14 city and town governments, and the Santa Clara County Fire District. The planning area for the hazard mitigation plan was defined as the Santa Clara County Operational Area. The result of the organizational effort will be a FEMA and California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) approved multi-jurisdictional, multi-hazard mitigation plan. Climate change is incorporated as a summary assessment of current and anticipated impacts for each identified hazard of concern.

The hazard identification and profiling in the HMP addresses the following hazards of concern within Santa Clara County: dam failure, drought, earthquake, flood, landslide, severe weather, tsunami, and wildfire. Except for dam failure, this plan does not provide a full risk assessment of human-caused hazards. However, brief, qualitative discussions of the following hazards of interest are included: terrorism, cyber threats, hazardous materials release, pipeline and tank failure, and airline incidents.

The Plan presents the accumulated information in a unified framework to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated plan covering the entire Santa Clara County Operational Area planning area. Each jurisdiction has been responsible for the review and approval of their individual sections of the Plan. Additionally, the Plan has been aligned with the goals, objectives, and priorities of the State's multi-hazard mitigation plan.

ANALYSIS

The Santa Clara County HMP was created through a collaborative planning process and serves as Santa Clara County's HMP (Attachment 4) pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The goal of the HMP, along with the Mountain View Annex to the HMP (Attachment 3), is to learn about the hazards that can affect the community and develop strategies for long-term reduction of hazard vulnerability. An effective HMP will potentially reduce the enormous cost of disasters to property owners and all levels of government. The HMP can also protect critical community facilities, reduce exposure to liability, and minimize post-disaster community disruption.

By adopting Volume I and Mountain View's Annex within Volume II (Chapter 11 of Volume II) of the Santa Clara County Operational Area HMP, the City of Mountain View will be eligible to apply for and receive grant funding from FEMA to reduce the vulnerability of residents within the community. The HMP is considered a living document such that, as awareness of additional hazards develop and new strategies and projects are conceived to offset or prevent losses due to natural disasters, the HMP will be evaluated and revised on a continual five-year time frame.

Authorized under Section 404 of the Stafford Act, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) administered by FEMA provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. The purpose of the program is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate

recovery from a disaster. For more details on this program, please see the HMGP Predisaster Mitigation Grant Program Fact Sheet (Attachment 2).

FISCAL IMPACT

Upon adoption of Volume I and Mountain View's Annex within Volume II of the Santa Clara County Operational Area HMP update, the City of Mountain View will be eligible to apply for specified FEMA grants. These grants can be used to implement the long-term hazard mitigation measures specified within the City's annex of the HMP before and after a major disaster declaration.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Not approve Mountain View's Annex within the 2017 Santa Clara County Operational Area Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. Provide other direction

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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- Attachments:
1. City of Mountain View Resolution Adopting Volume I and II of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
 2. HMGP PDM Fact Sheet
 3. LHMP Volume II (Mountain View's Annex)
 4. LHMP Volume I