

STAFF REPORT

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM: JIM COPSEY, CHIEF OF POLICE
JOHN PETERS, COMMANDER**



SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING THE 2012 UPDATE OF THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

BACKGROUND

In March 2008, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan ("Plan") for the Cities of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach and the Lucia Mar Unified School District. It is required that Local Hazard Mitigation Plans are to be revised every five years to reflect any hazard changes within the plans. The 2008 FEMA approved Plan is scheduled to be revised on or before March 2013. Planning work was started in late 2011 and continued into the third quarter of 2012.

DISCUSSION

The Cities of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach, the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District, and the Lucia Mar Unified School District, have united to develop a jurisdiction specific hazard mitigation plan. The City of Arroyo Grande acted as Project Manager for the 2008 Plan and it was agreed by all partners that the Five Cities Fire Authority would continue in that role for the 2013 revised plan. The City of Arroyo Grande was approached by the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District to become partners in the 2013 Plan. They were welcomed to participate in the Plan Development process.

The goal is to update the existing multi-jurisdictional plan and to arrive at practical, meaningful, attainable and cost-effective mitigation solutions to minimize each jurisdiction's vulnerability to the identified hazards and, ultimately, reduce both human and financial losses subsequent to a disaster. Once adopted, this Plan will be submitted to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000, also commonly known as "The 2000 Stafford Act Amendments" (the Act), constitutes an effort by the federal government to reduce the rising cost of disasters. The Act stresses the importance of mitigation planning and disaster preparedness prior to an event. Mitigation Planning Section 322 of the Act requires local governments to develop and submit mitigation plans in order to qualify for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project funds. It also increases the amount of HMGP funds available to states meeting the enhanced planning criteria, and enables these funds to be used for planning activities.

APPROVED FOR FORWARDING



**ROBERT PERRAULT
CITY MANAGER**

Please Review for the Possibility of a Potential Conflict of Interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoals | <input type="checkbox"/> Molnar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nicolls | <input type="checkbox"/> Peterson |

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To facilitate implementation of the DMA 2000, FEMA created an Interim Final Rule (the Rule), published in the Federal Register in February of 2002 at section 201 of 44 CFR. The Rule spells out the mitigation planning criteria for states and local communities. Specific requirements for local mitigation planning efforts are outlined in section 201.6 of the Rule. Local jurisdictions must demonstrate that proposed mitigation actions are based upon a sound planning process that accounts for the inherent risk and capabilities of the individual communities as stated in section 201.5 of the Rule.

In developing this comprehensive Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, FEMA's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance (July 2008) was strictly adhered to for the purpose of ensuring thoroughness, diligence, and compliance with the new DMA 2000 planning requirements.

Each of the participating jurisdictions have provided input consisting of Hazard Analysis, Hazard Mitigation actions, Hazard Identification, Vulnerability Assessment and Risk Assessment. Planning meetings with partner staff was conducted through the entire revision process. The opportunity for public input was advertised in the San Luis Obispo County newspaper, *The Tribune*, and the Five Cities newspaper, the *Times-Press-Recorder*. The Draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan was posted on the Five Cities Fire Authority's website for public comment and review for 30 days, ending on October 31, 2012. There were no public comments received.

The planning partners have been invited to attend the National Fire Academy's Emergency Management Institute to participate in disaster preparedness training in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The training is scheduled for April 8, 2013 through April 11, 2013. All travel and lodging expenses will be paid for, with the exception of meals. If the Council authorizes the City's participation, the City Council will need to select one Council Member to attend the training exercise. The City Manager and two members of the Police Department are also invited to attend. In addition, there will be a briefing for attending participants on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Arroyo Grande Council Chambers.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council has the following alternatives to consider:

1. Open the public hearing, consider public testimony, and adopt the Resolution adopting the 2012 Update of the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and designate one Council Member to attend the Emergency Management Institute in April 2013;
2. Provide direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the Resolution adopting the 2012 Update of the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and designate one Council Member to attend the Emergency Management Institute.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no negative fiscal impacts associated with this action. The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is a prerequisite to receiving certain disaster reimbursement funding.

Failure to adopt the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan may jeopardize disaster reimbursement in the event of an event of local consequence.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

The agenda was posted in accordance with the Brown Act. A legal ad was published in *The Tribune* on Friday, November 9, 2012.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 12-__
2. Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. (*Provided under separate cover-binders*)

RESOLUTION NO. 12-__

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH ADOPTING THE 2012 UPDATE OF THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the cost of disaster recover in the United States has dramatically increased over the past decade, prolonging interest in providing effective ways to minimize our country's hazard vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all cities, counties, and special districts to have adopted a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to receive disaster mitigation funding from FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grover Beach seeks to maintain and enhance both a disaster-resistant City and region by reducing the potential loss of life, property damage, and environmental degradation from natural disasters, while accelerating economic recovery from those disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grover Beach has gone through the planning process with community participation and developed a Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan that meets the needs established by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Grover Beach adopts the 2012 update of the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Cities of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach, the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District, and the Lucia Mar Unified School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution and a copy of the 2012 update of the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan be forwarded to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

On motion by _____, second by _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

- AYES: Council Members -
- NOES: Council Members -
- ABSENT: Council Members -
- ABSTAIN: Council Members -

the foregoing Resolution was **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** at the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California, this 19th day of November, 2012.

ATTEST:

JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

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DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK