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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City Wide**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report recommends that the City Council approve the attached resolution in support of the planning process to develop a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: April 8, 2004**

**SUMMARY:**

Pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), an approved natural hazards mitigation plan (Plan) is required for a community: a) to continue in good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System and b) to receive future federal hazard mitigation grant funds. The City and County floodplain management staff along with local emergency response managers, city and county public works engineers, planners, technicians, park managers, public information officers, school districts and interested members of the public have formed to develop the Plan in response to the DMA 2000. These participants are known collectively as the DMA 2000 Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC).

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:**

None



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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In accordance with the requirements of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) and the specific planning process guidelines that are found in the Federal Register under 44CFR206.1, the HMPC wishes to develop a natural hazard mitigation plan (Plan). The Plan is a requirement of the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System (CRS), in which the City is already in good standing, saving those who pay flood insurance in the City an estimated \$2 million annually. Similarly the County of Sacramento has a vested interest in this planning process, as they are also a CRS community in good standing.

Because natural hazards know no political boundaries, other cities and districts within the County of Sacramento have been asked to consider participating in the planning process. If the cities do actively participate and adopt the plan, they can be eligible to join CRS and to apply for federal grants for hazard mitigation. Staff from the cities of Elk Grove, Folsom, Sacramento, Rancho Cordova and the County interviewed consultants and chose AMEC Earth and Environmental, Inc. to prepare the Plan. Furthermore, staff of the cities of Isleton, Citrus Heights, and Galt have attended preliminary meetings on the development of the plan.

The DMA 2000 does not require any new studies at this time, but it does require a compilation of existing maps and a public dialogue about hazards. These hazards might include flood, earthquake, high wind, drought, and fire.

Any community, nationwide, that does not have an approved DMA 2000 Plan by November 2004, will not be eligible for mitigation grant funds (possibly including hazard mitigation grants, pre-disaster mitigation grants, flood mitigation assistance grants, and Army Corps of Engineers project funds). Any community that lacks an approved plan but is faced with a FEMA eligible post disaster grant will only be allowed such funds on the condition that the plan be approved within a twelve month period following the disaster. The HMPC strongly believes that developing a Plan before such a disaster will produce a better Plan and a better planning process.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The total AMEC consultant contract is approximately \$100,000 to complete the plan. The County Department of Water Resources and City of Sacramento Department of Utilities have each entered into a contract with the consulting firm AMEC respectively for \$50,000 and \$33,000. The City of Folsom will also be entering into a contract with AMEC for \$17,000. There are sufficient funds in Floodplain Management CIP #WG06 for this purpose.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Environmental Planning Services has determined that the development 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 activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity 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 final action, appropriate CEQA environmental review 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 approximately \$2 million per year.

The partnership with the County and other local agencies is consistent with the City's goal of enhancing and strengthening regional partnerships.

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**


No goods or services are requested with this report.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dave Brent  
Engineering Services Manager

Recommendation Approved:



ROBERT R. THOMAS  
City Manager

Approved:



Gary A. Reents  
Utilities Director

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# RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

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

## APPROVE THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS**, our lives; residential and commercial properties; businesses; and infrastructure are at risk from a variety of natural hazards, such as floods, earthquakes, fire and high winds; and

**WHEREAS**, Hazard Mitigation Planning will create an operational framework for reducing losses from these hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, a Hazard Mitigation Planning process must be undertaken in order to maintain eligibility for multiple sources of federal mitigation funding programs that support loss-reduction activities; and

**WHEREAS**, a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will analyze the hazards that threaten our community; determine our vulnerability to those hazards; and evaluate alternatives to minimize or eliminate their impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has adopted policies and regulations that must be implemented following any incident that results in significant damages, and that would impact rebuilding and redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Sacramento is a community in good standing with the Community Rating System within the National Flood Insurance Program for which flood insurance premiums are reduced by up to 20%; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hazard Mitigation Planning process is a requirement of maintaining good standing in the Community Rating System; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to carefully develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan that will identify protective and mitigative measures that will lessen our exposure to future hazard losses, while contributing to other community goals and objectives as identified in other community plans, policies and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will solicit public input throughout the development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ENDORSES AND SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING:**

1. The establishment of a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) consisting of representatives of the City Departments of Utilities, Public Works, Transportation, Planning, Building, Police, Fire, and others that are most affected by the impacts of natural disasters, and/or those that will have a lead responsibility in implementing disaster mitigation measures; and
2. The HMPC and these Department representatives as they work through the existing data, technical expertise and analysis, and inter-departmental coordination; and
3. The HMPC inclusion of members of the public in a number at least equal to the number of departments represented on the HMPC. The members of the public shall include, but are not limited to, representatives from areas affected by natural hazards, and from other interested stakeholders such as: developers, environmental interests, businesses, and private utilities.
4. The HMPC responsibilities, which include:
  - a) Identification of each natural hazard that affects the community;
  - b) Analysis of the risks posed by each hazard;
  - c) Assess the community's vulnerability to the hazards;
  - d) Review and evaluate appropriate local regulations, programs and policies in terms of their effectiveness towards mitigating the impacts of the natural hazards identified;
  - e) Develop an integrated Hazard Mitigation Strategy, with goals and objectives;
  - f) Submit the draft Hazard Mitigation Strategy to your Board; and
  - g) Implement, evaluate and update the Hazard Mitigation Strategy regularly.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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