

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Boesch, County Executive Officer
by John McEldowney, Emergency Services Program Manager

DATE: July 7, 2015

SUBJECT: Establishing a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt a resolution initiating the planning process and approving the establishment of a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) for updating the Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BACKGROUND

Placer County and its incorporated communities are exposed to numerous natural and manmade hazards, including flood, drought, wildfire and severe weather. These hazards pose threats to lives, property and the economy across Placer County.

Placer County is initiating its update to the 2010 Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000). Updates are required on a 5-year basis in order to remain eligible for future federal disaster mitigation funding. As a proactive measure towards funding the next update, Placer County Office of Emergency Services applied for the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 on September 23, 2013. The grant application was approved by FEMA on May 8, 2014 in the amount of \$150,000. Your Board approved the acceptance of the grant on July 22, 2014. Foster Morrison Consulting was hired to assist in the updating project and your Board approved the contract on April 7, 2015.

Placer County participates in FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). This is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. As a result, the effects of flood hazards can be reduced and flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk.

The County maintains a CRS Classification Rating of "five" (5). This rating saves the residents within the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) twenty-five percent (25%) on the cost of flood insurance and those outside the SFHA a total of ten percent (10%). The CRS Program requires each County to adopt a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan with a Floodplain Management Plan component to reduce repetitively flooded properties and flood loss in the County.

The FEMA CRS Program encourages public participation and involvement from the public and other stakeholders throughout the planning process and requires the creation of a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC). This Committee will be responsible to meet and fulfill all obligations of FEMA's DMA 2000 and the CRS Program Floodplain Management Plan. The

Planning requirements include organizing to prepare the plan, coordinating with other agencies and the public, assessing the hazards and problems, setting goals, reviewing possible activities, drafting a mitigation action plan, adopting the plan and implementing, evaluating and revising the plan. A multi-jurisdictional and public HMPC will be established to lead this mitigation planning effort. The HMPC will be open to all attendees. This Committee will consist of representatives from various county departments, the incorporated communities, special districts, other federal, state, and local agency stakeholders, and the public who could be affected by or interested in the impacts of natural or manmade hazards in Placer County.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the County General Fund as a result of this action

Attachment:

Resolution

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

Resol. No: _____

In the matter of:

**INITIATING THE PLANNING PROCESS AND
ESTABLISHING A HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING
COMMITTEE FOR AN UPDATE TO THE PLACER
COUNTY LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held **JULY 07, 2015** by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board _____

WHEREAS Placer County and its incorporated communities are exposed to numerous natural and manmade hazards, including flood, drought, wildfire, severe weather, and other hazards, that increase the vulnerability to life, property, environment and the County's economy; and

WHEREAS hazard mitigation planning will create an operational framework for reducing losses from these hazards; and

WHEREAS hazard mitigation planning is a requirement of the Robert T Stafford Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) and continued eligibility for certain sources of FEMA mitigation funding programs that support loss reduction activities; and

WHEREAS Placer County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) Program which through certain activities reduces the effects of flood hazards and therefore the cost of flood insurance to residents of the County; and

WHEREAS the County is currently maintaining a CRS Classification Rating of "five" (5) thereby saving residents within the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) twenty-five percent (25%) on the cost of flood insurance and those outside the SFHA a total of ten percent (10%) on the cost of flood insurance; and

WHEREAS the CRS Program also requires the County to adopt a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan with a Floodplain Management Plan component to reduce repetitively flooded properties and flood loss in the County; and

WHEREAS Placer County is initiating its update to the 2010 Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) as required by FEMA's DMA 2000 and CRS on a 5-year basis in order to remain eligible for future federal disaster mitigation funding and to achieve the goals of CRS Activity 510 for Floodplain Management Planning; and

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WHEREAS FEMA and the CRS Program encourage public participation and involvement from the public and other stakeholders throughout the planning process; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to create a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) with the responsibility to meet and fulfill the obligations of FEMA's DMA 2000 and the CRS Program Floodplain Management planning requirements through organizing to prepare the plan, involving the public, coordinating with other agencies, assessing the hazards, assessing the problem, setting goals, reviewing possible activities, drafting a mitigation action plan, adopting the plan and implementing, evaluating and revising the plan, and

WHEREAS a multi-jurisdictional and public HMPC will be established to lead this mitigation planning effort. The HMPC will be widely advertised and open to all attendees and will consist of representatives of various county departments, the incorporated communities, special districts, other federal, state, and local agency stakeholders, and the public who could be affected by or interested in the impacts of natural hazards in Placer County; and

WHEREAS the County Board of Supervisors wishes to establish the overall HMPC as well as an HMPC Steering Committee comprised of 50% membership of public stakeholders for this purpose. As the principal coordinating agency for this 2015 LHMP Update, Placer County OES is the delegated entity for the selection of HMPC and Steering Committee members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer hereby supports the update of the 2010 Placer County LHMP and establishes the creation of the new HMPC and steering committee comprised of representatives from:

- A. Placer County departments
 - a. Office of Emergency Services
 - b. Public Works
 - c. Facilities Services
 - d. Community Development Resource Agency
 - e. Health and Human Services
 - f. Fire Services
 - g. Sheriff
 - h. Administrative Services
 - i. Assessor's Office
 - j. Agricultural Commissioner
 - k. Risk Management
- B. Incorporated communities
 - a. City of Auburn
 - b. City of Colfax
 - c. City of Lincoln
 - d. Town of Loomis
 - e. City of Rocklin
- C. Other participating jurisdictions to include special districts and others seeking FEMA approval of the plan.
- D. Other private citizens, members of the public, and stakeholders including local, regional, state, and federal agencies and partners appointed by the Placer County Office of Emergency Services.