

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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Bruce Carter, County OES Manager – 681-5559

SUBJECT: Adoption of the Santa Barbara County Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and adopt by resolution the attached Santa Barbara County Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (“SBCMHHMP”).

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No.1: An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

According to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) rules, in order to be eligible to receive federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds for projects related to disasters declared after November 1, 2004, local governments must have an approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). Such a Plan contains mitigation strategies to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects. It also contains courses of action the County would follow to reduce vulnerability and exposure to future hazard events (disasters).

In November of 2003, a Mitigation Advisory Committee (MAC) was formed to address, identify and complete the LHMP for Santa Barbara County as depicted by FEMA regulations. The MAC decided to expand the County’s plan into a multi jurisdictional plan and include the cities of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Goleta, Buellton, Solvang, Santa Maria, Lompoc and Guadalupe. Representatives from each of the cities were included in the planning process. The draft SBMJHMP was completed October 28, 2004. The County and participating cities completed reviewing the draft Plan November 5, 2004. Revisions were completed and the Plan was submitted to both the Governors’ Office of Emergency Services and FEMA December 21, 2005.

On January 20, 2005, the FEMA Region IX, Hazard Mitigation Section representative contacted David Rickard, County Disaster Recovery Manager from the Public Works Department and stated the SBMJHMP had been accepted. However, in order for FEMA to formally approve the SBMJHMP, the Board of Supervisors must first adopt the Plan, which will allow us to be eligible to receive post disaster mitigation project funding and other Federal assistance associated with our current flood disaster.

A copy of the Final Draft Plan (several hundred pages in length with additional maps and tables) is available at the Board of Supervisors’ Office in Santa Maria and the Clerk of the Board Office in Santa Barbara.



Front Cover of the Santa Barbara County Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mandates and Service Levels:

An adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is required by Federal statutes in order for a local jurisdiction to be eligible to receive Federal hazard/disaster mitigation related grants.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Adopting the recommended resolution will allow the County to be eligible to receive Federal hazard (disaster) mitigation grant funds related to declared disasters.

Concurrence:

County Administrator
County Counsel
County Auditor-Controller
Public Works Director
County Office of Emergency Services

Special Instructions:

Please forward two (2) copies of the Minute Order and two (2) copies of the adopted resolution to David Rickard, Public Works Department at the Public Works Santa Maria Office and forward one (1) copy of the Minute Order and one (1) copy of the adopted resolution to Bruce Carter, County OES, Santa Barbara.

Attachments:

1. Resolution