



Staff Report

File #: 24-0597

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: 08/07/2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Fire Department

SUBJECT:

ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF CORONA LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This staff report asks the City Council to accept the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) as a strategic document developed by local governments to identify and assess risks associated with natural and man-made hazards and to outline strategies and actions to reduce or eliminate these risks. The primary goal of an LHMP is to enhance community resilience and minimize the impact of hazards on people, property, and infrastructure. The adoption of the LHMP as required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. This LHMP meets relevant federal, state, and local requirements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-083 adopting the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- b. Authorize the plan to annex into the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJLHMP) 2023 to meet the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

In 2000, the United States Congress adopted the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) to authorize a program for pre-disaster mitigation efforts. Congress realized that natural disasters (and human-caused events, which Congress later added) posed a great danger to human life and property. Congress determined a larger emphasis needed to be placed on identifying these natural and human

-caused hazards and proactively assessing the risks posed to communities.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 provides policy to the State Mitigation Officer and guidance to local jurisdictions to develop a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). An LHMP is not required by law, but for a jurisdiction to be eligible for pre- and post-disaster mitigation funds or to receive federal disaster relief through the Stafford Act, a jurisdiction must maintain an LHMP.

The City of Corona Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee prepared an updated LHMP to ensure compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and the latest Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) State Mitigation Planning Policy Guide requirements. The LHMP was approved by FEMA on July 22, 2024.

ANALYSIS:

The plan identifies potential hazards, potential losses, and potential measures to limit losses from natural disasters. Formal adoption of the plan by the City Council is required before it can be adopted into the Riverside County Operational Area MJLHMP.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Staff prepared the updated LHMP and administrative costs were absorbed within the General Fund budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is except from CEQA if the activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that 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. This action authorizes the submittal for and acceptance of grant funding, and there is no possibility this will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

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Attachments:

1. Exhibit 1 - City of Corona FEMA Approved LHMP
2. Exhibit 2 - Resolution 2024-083