

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: December 16, 2014
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Public Works Department
Presentation by: Diana Langley, Public Works Director

Summary

Subject: Adoption of Sutter County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution to adopt the Sutter County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Fiscal Impact: There is no direct fiscal impact to the City. However, failure to adopt the Plan may impact the City's Community Rating System classification through the National Flood Insurance Program and the ability to receive funding for mitigation projects and disaster mitigation funding.

Purpose:

To reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects on the Sutter County Planning Area, which includes the incorporated communities of Yuba City and Live Oak.

Background:

In 2012, Sutter County received a grant through the FY 2012 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Grant Program for the review and update of Sutter County's 2008 Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, also known as the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The previous plan was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on January 23, 2008, and expired on January 23, 2013. The purpose of the LHMP is to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects on the Sutter County Planning Area which includes the incorporated communities of Yuba City and Live Oak.

On March 19, 2013, Council adopted a resolution to participate in the update of the LHMP. Over the next few months, staff participated in the Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee coordinated through Sutter County, and a draft document was submitted to FEMA and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

Analysis:

FEMA and Cal OES have reviewed the LHMP and determined that the plan is eligible for final approval pending adoption by Sutter County, scheduled for December 16th, and all participating jurisdictions. The LHMP can be found on Sutter County's website at http://www.co.sutter.ca.us/doc/government/depts/cs/es/hazard_mitigation.

Fiscal Impact:

Sutter County, Yuba City, and Live Oak are members of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) through FEMA. This rating system provides credit points for activities implemented by communities which exceed minimum FEMA requirements. Having a current Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan/Floodplain Management Plan allows the County/Cities to maximize CRS credit points which ultimately provide a discount to County/City residents' flood insurance policies. Yuba City currently has a CRS classification of 5 which allows for a 25% discount on flood insurance policies for properties located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The CRS classification scale ranges from 1 to 10 in which a 1 classification results in a 45% discount and a 10 classification results in no discount on flood insurance policies for properties located in a SFHA.

The LHMP is also required to receive funding for mitigation projects and disaster mitigation funding. It is imperative that the County/Cities keep the Plan updated and current with FEMA.

Even though there is no direct fiscal impact to the City, failure to adopt the Plan may impact the City's Community Rating System classification through the NFIP and the ability to receive funding for mitigation projects and disaster mitigation funding.

Alternatives:

None.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution to adopt the Sutter County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
ADOPTING THE SUTTER COUNTY LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the City of Yuba City recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

WHEREAS, an adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre/post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yuba City undertook all measures necessary by FEMA to update the existing Local Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by FEMA January 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yuba City full participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA, Region IX officials have reviewed the "Sutter County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update" and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body;

NOW, THEREFOE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City Council for the City of Yuba City hereby adopts the "Sutter County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update" as an official plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Yuba City will submit this resolution to the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA, Region IX officials to enable the Plan's final approval.

The forgoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Yuba City at a regular meeting thereof held on the 16th day of December 2014.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

John Dukes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terrel Locke, City Clerk