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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-313

MEETING: June 23, 2015
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator
RE: Approve to Adopt 2015 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Approving the 2015 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP).

Mariposa County Office of Emergency Services (OES) requests Board review of the final draft of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 2015 (LHMP) and requests final adoption of the plan by the Board of Supervisors. The Resolution directs future action to insert the LHMP by reference into the Safety Element of the County General Plan. Mariposa Planning has been working on a draft update to the Safety Element and will commence processing upon the Board's adoption of the 2015 LHMP.

The LHMP lays the framework for future mitigation planning and action to benefit Mariposa County communities. The benefit of the LHMP adoption allows Mariposa County the ability to receive State and Federal grant and assistance funding. A consequence of not adopting the LHMP could forego an opportunity to qualify for future grants, disaster mitigation and recovery funding.

On January 22, 2013 the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors completed the adoption process for the County's initial LHMP and the formal resolution and findings have been forwarded to and accepted by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX. Mariposa County's LHMP represents the state of the County as of June 2013. However, an LHMP is a dynamic document and the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) mandates that an LHMP be reviewed and updated every five years. The planning portion of the Disaster Relief Initiative (DRI grant) offers funding to immediately review and update the initial plan. Through Board action Resolution 11-168, and executed by Federal Standard Agreement 11-DRI-7555 funds were allocated for the revision of the 2013 LHMP.

Mariposa County OES sent a Request for Proposals (RFP) to all three qualified LHMP consulting firms in California. Following County OES review it was determined that URS had the staff, qualifications and expertise to complete the project in a timely manner and within the scope of work.

On March 6, 2013, Mariposa County OES started the review and revision process with

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assistance from URS. This revised plan was completed and sent to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for initial acceptance review, then to FEMA Region IX for tentative adoption pending the County's Governing Body resolution of adoption.

On February 18, 2015, FEMA gave Mariposa County a tentative approval. The approval of this plan ensures Mariposa County's continued eligibility for project grants under FEMA's hazard mitigation assistance program, including all disaster recovery funds under federal assistance grants. This plan has been found by FEMA Region IX to be in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 201.6 *Local Mitigation Plans*.

A copy of the executed Resolution will be forwarded to FEMA to complete the adoption process.

Due to the file size of the final draft LMP document, a copy shall be made available for review with the Clerk of the Board, during normal businesses hours; Final draft plan shall be made available at the presentation date and time as scheduled by the Board; And a digital final draft plan document can be reviewed online by visiting the County Fire/OES website.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not adopt a Resolution approving the LHMP and forego an opportunity to qualify for future grants and disaster mitigation and recovery funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

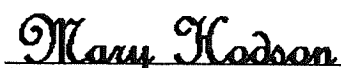
None.

ATTACHMENTS:

LHMP Scope of Work- Exhibit-A (PDF)
FEMA - LHMP 2015. (PDF)
2015 LHMP NOE - Final (DOC)
Proposed LHMP resolution-FINAL (DOCX)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended

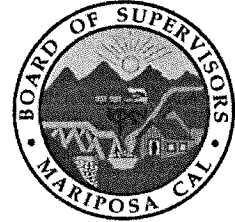

Mary Hoelson, CAO

6/17/2015



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RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 15-313

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2015 MARIPOSA COUNTY
LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN;
MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, PROPONENT.
APPLIES COUNTY-WIDE.**

WHEREAS by seeking FEMA approval of a local hazard mitigation plan Mariposa County 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 the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 ("Disaster Mitigation Act") emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards; and

WHEREAS the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

WHEREAS an adopted local hazard mitigation plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

WHEREAS Mariposa County fully participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this local hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS the California Office of Emergency Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX officials have reviewed the 2015 Mariposa County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan ("2015 LHMP") and approved it contingent upon official adoption by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS Mariposa County desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the 2015 LHMP; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors demonstrates the County's intent to fulfill the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in the 2015 LHMP; and

WHEREAS adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors considered all of the information in the public record, including the Board packet, comments and recommendations from past public meetings on the 2015 LHMP.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Title 14, California Code of Regulations. It can be found that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant impact on the environment and is therefore exempt from the provisions of CEQA, General Rule – Section 15061(b)(3). There is no potential for substantial adverse changes in the physical conditions of the environment which will result from adoption of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopts the 2015 Mariposa County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan, and hereafter shall incorporate, by reference, the Mariposa County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Safety Element of the Mariposa County General Plan in accordance with the requirements of AB 2140.

BE IT THEREFORE FINALLY RESOLVED THAT Mariposa County will submit this resolution to the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA Region IX officials to enable the plan's final approval in accordance with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and to establish conformance with the requirements of AB 214.

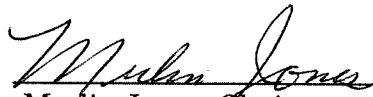
ON MOTION BY Supervisor Smallcombe, seconded by Supervisor Carrier, this resolution is duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of June, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier


NOES: None

EXCUSED: None


ABSTAIN: None


Merlin Jones, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisor

ATTEST:


René LaRoche,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Steven W. Dahlem
County Counsel