RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-272

MEETING: May 26, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

RE: 2020 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a Resolution Approving the 2020 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2020 LHMP).

To meet the requirements of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), the Mariposa County Office of Emergency Services (OES) has prepared a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to assess risks posed by natural hazards and to develop a mitigation plan for reducing the risks in Mariposa County. The 2020 LHMP replaces and updates the previous LHMP which was approved on June 23, 2015 via Resolution No. 2015-313. The DMA 2000 mandates that a LHMP be reviewed and updated every five years.

Mariposa County OES requests Board review of the final draft 2020 LHMP and requests final adoption of the plan by the Board of Supervisors. Adoption of the plan will be by Resolution.

The 2020 LHMP lays the framework for future mitigation planning and actions to benefit Mariposa County and its communities. The benefit of LHMP adoption is that Mariposa County is eligible to receive State and Federal grant and assistance funding. This includes eligibility for project grants under FEMA’s hazard mitigation assistance program and all disaster recovery funds under federal assistance grants. Not adopting the updated LHMP would mean that Mariposa County would not qualify for future grants, disaster mitigation and recovery funding.

Additional background information, including plan requirements, the process followed to develop the plan, public engagement and next steps, is included in the 2020 LHMP.

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

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
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Alternatives: Modify text in 2020 LHMP or modify text in resolution.
Negative action: Do not approve 2020 LHMP. Mariposa County would not be eligible for future grants and disaster mitigation and recovery funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
none

ATTACHMENTS:
Mariposa_FinalLHMP_April272020  (PDF)
Resolution Approving 2020 LHMP  (DOCX)
Notice of Exemption 2020 LHMP  (DOCX)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 20-272
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 MARIPOSA COUNTY LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

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 its rural areas and its communities; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property in Mariposa County 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 hazard mitigation grants available 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 2020 Mariposa County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2020 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 2020 LHMP; and

WHEREAS, adoption action by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors demonstrates the County’s intent to fulfill the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in the 2020 LHMP; and

WHEREAS, adoption action by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors legitimates the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors considered all information in the public record, including the Board packet and draft 2020 LHMP, comments from the public and staff recommendations.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED 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. The Board of Supervisors finds 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, pursuant to the General Rule – Section 15061(b)(3), CEQA Guidelines. 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,** the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopts the 2020 Mariposa County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the 2020 Mariposa County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby incorporated, by reference, 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 Menetrey, this resolution is duly passed and adopted this 26th day of May, 2020, by the following vote:

**AYES:** SMALLCOMBE, JONES, LONG, CANN, MENETREY

**NOES:** NONE

**EXCUSED:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** NONE

[Signature]
Kevin Cann, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

**ATTEST:**

[Signature]
René LaRoche,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

[Signature]
Steven W. Dahlem
County Counsel