



# ***Agenda Report***

## ***Fullerton City Council***

**MEETING DATE:** MAY 19, 2020

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**SUBMITTED BY:** KENNETH A. DOMER, CITY MANAGER

**PREPARED BY:** MATT FOULKES, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**SUBJECT:** LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND CORRESPONDING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

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### **SUMMARY**

The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) identifies threats from natural and human-caused hazards in the community and recommends specific actions to proactively decrease those threats. The Federal Emergency Management Agency approved the City's latest LHMP update. This action would formally adopt the updated LHMP Plan and corresponding updates to The Fullerton Plan.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-XX.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-XX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE CITY OF FULLERTON LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS APPROVED BY FEMA ON JUNE 10, 2019 AND CORRESPONDING REVISIONS TO THE FULLERTON PLAN, INCLUDING A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO APPENDIX I, THEREBY ADOPTING THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN INTO THE SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65302.6

2. Make a finding that the project is statutorily exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact directly resulting from this action. The City received FEMA mitigation grant funds to cover the costs of the consultant required to prepare the plan. Additionally, Government Code Section 65302.6 establishes that a city may adopt a LHMP as part of the Safety Element of the General Plan. Pursuant to Government Code

Section 8685.9, this makes the City eligible to recover additional disaster reimbursement from the State pursuant to AB2140 (2006).

## PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability
- Public Safety.

## DISCUSSION

### Background

The City's prior LHMP was adopted by the City Council in April 2011, following approval by FEMA in March 2011. The LHMP was prepared in accordance with the federal Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000. Information generated from that process, including exhibits, were incorporated into The Fullerton Plan when that document was adopted in 2012. Additionally, the LHMP in its entirety was adopted into The Fullerton Plan as Appendix I.

The DMA provides for a five-year update cycle for adopted LHMPs. The City applied in April 2016 and was notified of the grant award in March 2017. Following a transition of City project management from Public Works back to Community and Economic Development, an RFQ for consulting services was issued in February 2018 and work on the LHMP began in May 2018 utilizing the consulting firm PlaceWorks / Aaron Pfannensteil. Mr. Pfannensteil worked with an inter-disciplinary team of City and agency staff, collectively referred to as the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee, on the development of the City's current LHMP. This process is discussed in detail in the LHMP and Appendix A.

The LHMP is organized into the following chapters:

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| • Introduction       | • Threat Assessment            |
| • Community Profiles | • Hazard Mitigation Strategies |
| • Hazard Assessment  | • Plan Maintenance.            |

As a result of the Hazard Assessment, the following topics were carried forward for further analysis as part of the Threat Assessment and development of Hazard Mitigation Strategies:

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| • Seismic Hazards                   | Transportation                   | Accidents, |
| • Fire (Urban/Wildland)             | Terrorism, Cyber)                |            |
| • Drought                           | • Geologic                       | Hazards    |
| • Severe Weather (Heat, Wind, Rain) | (Landslide/Mudflows, Subsidence) |            |
| • Dam Failure                       | • Flooding                       |            |
| • Human-Caused Hazards              | • Hazardous Materials Release    |            |
| (Aircraft, Civil Disturbance,       | • Disease/Pests.                 |            |

In October 2018, a public input meeting was held with the Planning Commission as part of the public engagement process for the plan. The public engagement process is

described in greater detail in the LHMP and Appendix B. Following publication of the public review draft in March 2019, the final plan was submitted to and approved by the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) in May 2019 and FEMA in June 2019.

Following approval, Staff worked with PlaceWorks / Aaron Pfannensteil to identify amendments to The Fullerton Plan to fully integrate the updated LHMP and the various current Government Code requirements. Additional text and policies have been identified for inclusion as follows:

- Chapter 10 – Public Safety
  - P12.7.1 – Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment
- Chapter 11 – Public Health
  - P14.4.1 – Public Health Education
  - P14.4.2 – Contagion and Pest Abatement
- Chapter 16 – Water
  - P19.3.1 – Regional Water Protection
  - P19.3.2 – Climate Resilience in Water Supply
  - P19.5.1 – Water-saving Infrastructure
  - P20.3.1 – Natural Water System Integrity
  - P20.7.1 – Incorporate Natural Water Systems in Design Standards
- Chapter 17 – Air Quality and Climate Change
  - P22.8.1 – Adopt Neighborhood Plans
  - P22.9.1 – Anticipatory Climate Resilient Design
- Chapter 18 – Integrated Waste Management
  - P23.1.1 – Regional Hazardous Waste Control
- Chapter 19 – Open Space and Natural Resources
  - P24.11.1 – Manage Wildfire Areas
  - P24.13.1 – Resilient Management
- Chapter 20 – Natural Hazards
  - P26.2.1 – Continual Efforts
  - P26.3.1 – Community Hazard Mapping.

The following exhibits will also be updated / added:

- Statewide Drought Conditions – new Exhibit 25.1 (cross referenced to Chapter 16 – Water)
- Local and Regional Fault Lines – updates Exhibit 26
- Liquefaction Zones – updates Exhibit 27

- Landslide Potential – new Exhibit 27.1 (cross referenced to Chapter 20 – Natural Hazards)
- Fire Hazard Zones – updates Exhibit 28
- Dam Failure Inundation Zone – updates Exhibit 29
- FEMA Flood Zones – updates Exhibit 30.

The full text of the general plan amendments as well as the exhibits are attached to the draft resolution (Attachment 2).

#### Planning Commission Action

The Planning Commission considered the LHMP and corresponding updates to The Fullerton Plan at its meeting on April 15, 2020. Following a presentation by Staff and consideration by the Planning Commission, the Commission voted 5 – 0 to recommend approval to the City Council.

#### Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – PowerPoint Presentation
- Attachment 2 – Resolution No. 2020-XX