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DATE: June 17, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council members

FROM: Timothy A. Miller, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan - Consideration to readopt previous resolution

BACKGROUND
CalOES required revisions to the plan once it was submitted. Revisions were made and subsequently reviewed by CalOES and FEMA. FEMA has determined that the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is approved pending adoption. However, FEMA/CAL OES are not accepting the previous resolutions, so a new resolution for this plan needs to be approved.

RECOMMENDATION
That the City Council approve Resolution No. 06-17-2019-C, adopting the updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, including the City of Sonora Annex, and designate the City Administrator as the authorized signatory and to make any minor, non-substantive changes on the final plan, if needed

The original staff report follows. Copies of the Plan and Annex are available at City Hall for review.

DATE: December 18, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council members

FROM: Timothy A. Miller, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Consideration to adopt an updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Background

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, also known as the Stafford Act, was established to reduce the rising cost of disasters. Mitigation planning and disaster preparedness were key elements of the act. To assure that all local, county, and tribal governments developed a Mitigation Plan, the Stafford Act required compliance to gain eligibility for certain federal mitigation funds. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program are all examples of programs where eligibility is based on compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act and the development of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The function of a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) is to assess each jurisdiction's vulnerability to natural and manmade hazards and then develop strategies to mitigate those vulnerabilities. Once the plan is adopted by the governing bodies for each jurisdiction, the overarching plan and annexes will be submitted to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Hazard Mitigation Office for review and then on to FEMA for final approval.

Having an approved MJHMP through FEMA allows each jurisdiction to be eligible to apply for Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program funding, which can be used to implement projects that reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazardous events and also reduces the reliance on federal funding in future disasters, so long as that hazard is identified in the approved plan.

The first draft of the MJHMP was completed in 2004 by County Staff. In 2012, Category Five prepared a complete rewrite of the plan to include seven additional school districts bringing the total number of participating jurisdictions to 19. This plan was approved in September 2013. FEMA requires the plan to be updated no less than every five years.

During the months of October to December, 2017 the plan was again updated to reflect the current state of identified hazards throughout the county, as well as adding four additional jurisdictions (Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools, Tuolumne City Sanitary District, Lake Don Pedro Community Services District, and Soulsbyville School District) bringing the total to 23 jurisdictions participating in the plan. The participating jurisdictions are as follows:

- City of Sonora
- Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians
- Mi-Wuk Sugar Pine Fire Protection District
- Tuolumne Utilities District
- Twain Harte Community Services District
- Groveland Community Services District
- Columbia Fire Protection District
- Jamestown Sanitary District
- Sonora Union High School
- Belleview Elementary School
- Big Oak Flat-Groveland Unified School District
- Columbia Union School District
- Jamestown Elementary School District
- Summerville Elementary School District
- Summerville Union High School District
- Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools
- Don Pedro Community Services District
- Soulsbyville School District
- Tuolumne City Sanitary District
- Sonora Elementary School District
- Curtis Creek School District
- Twain Harte Union School District

As required, the County held a public stakeholder meeting on November 27th, to allow the community and surrounding counties to provide comments on the revised plan. Members of the public were able to speak about the plan, ask questions, and give suggestions on mitigation actions to better meet the needs and concerns of the public. Approximately 7 members of the public, the OES Coordinator for Mariposa County, the OES Coordinator for Calaveras County, CAL FIRE, the Community Resources Agency, and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians were in attendance at the meeting.

The City of Sonora Annex is attached. Due to the size of the plan and its accompanying jurisdictional annexes, there is a copy of the draft plan for review at City Hall. The draft plan is also available on the County of Tuolumne webpage at:
https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9751

Recommendation:
That the City Council approve Resolution No. 12-18-2017-A, adopting the updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, including the City of Sonora Annex, and designate the City Administrator as the authorized signatory and to make any minor, non-substantive changes on the final plan.

R E S O L U T I O N NO. 06-17-2019-C

A Resolution Adopting a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, the City Office of Emergency Services is committed to protecting the people of Sonora from the potential harm caused from natural or man-made disasters or emergencies; and

WHEREAS, mounting costs of disaster recovery in the nation over the past decade has promoted interest in providing effective ways to minimize our City's and county's hazard vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000, also known as the "2000 Stafford Act Amendments", constitutes an effort by the Federal government to reduce the rising costs of disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires local governments to develop and submit mitigation plans in order to qualify for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program project funds; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was to establish a national program for pre-disaster mitigation, streamline administration of disaster relief at both the federal and state levels, and control federal costs of disaster assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City in conjunction with the County of Tuolumne and the other participating jurisdictions concluded a planning process which allowed participation by the local community, and have developed a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and Annexes that meet the needs established by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sonora City Council does hereby adopt the updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan including Annex A for the City and participating jurisdictions. The plan supersedes all previous County hazard mitigation plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sonora City Council approves the City Administrator as the authorized signatory and to make any minor, non-substantive changes on the final plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and a copy of the updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan with the City's Annex A will be forwarded by the County Office of Emergency Services to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Sonora City Council held on the 17th day of June, 2019, which motion was duly seconded and it was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED:

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James M. Garaventa, Mayor

Attest: City Clerk

By:_____
Colette Such, City Clerk Pro-Tem

Approved as to Form:

By:_____
Douglas White, City Attorney