

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: John Crater, Fire Chief

DATE: July 11, 2023

SUBJECT: Adopt the 2022 City of Temecula Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex to the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

PREPARED BY: Mikel Alford, Emergency Manager

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TEMECULA ADOPTING THE 2022 CITY OF TEMECULA
LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN ANNEX TO THE
RIVERSIDE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA MULTI-
JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

BACKGROUND: The Disaster Mitigation and Cost Recovery Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) amended the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by placing a new emphasis on hazard mitigation planning, primarily moving from post-disaster mitigation to pre-disaster mitigation.

As part of DMA 2000, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Act requiring local government, state, and special jurisdictions to develop and maintain hazard mitigation plans. In order to qualify for future hazard mitigation grants, each jurisdiction must prepare, and have approved by the Federal Government, a local hazard mitigation plan (LHMP). An LHMP must be approved every five years per DMA 2000.

The City of Temecula's efforts to update the 2017 LHMP Annex to the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional HMP began in early 2022. The goal was to bring together a multi-disciplinary team of stakeholders made up of local business, community members, city staff, and first responders to create a comprehensive LHMP that identified and assessed the multitude of hazards within the city.

The planning process included a methodical approach to developing the LHMP inclusive of FEMA's emphasis on the "whole community." The whole community concept promotes inclusion of not only emergency managers into the planning process but other city department representatives and key external partners. Temecula's planning process incorporated three phases: 1) prepare, 2) develop, and 3) finalize. The multi-disciplinary team was instrumental in the reorganization of the plan in order to bring it in alignment with current FEMA standards. As such, the plan is broken down into eight (8) easily identifiable chapters, they are: introduction, planning process, community profile, capability assessment, hazard assessment, risk & vulnerability assessment, mitigation strategies, and plan administration.

The 2022 City of Temecula Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex to the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (City of Temecula Local Hazard Mitigation Plan) has been reviewed by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and FEMA. On June 27, 2023, FEMA determined that the City of Temecula Local Hazard Mitigation Plan was eligible for final approval. Final approval from FEMA requires a formal resolution from the City adopting the City of Temecula Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as a part of the City's hazard planning process. It is recommended that the City of Temecula Local Hazard Mitigation Plan be adopted by the City Council of the City of Temecula.

FISCAL IMPACT: The adoption of the City of Temecula Local Hazard Mitigation Plan will enable the City to maintain its eligibility for pre-disaster and post-disaster hazard mitigation grant funding from FEMA.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. 2022 City of Temecula Local Hazard Mitigation Plan