

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: David A. Bobardt, Community Development Director



DATE: November 3, 2016 (CC Meeting of 11/16/2016)

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution Approving General Plan Amendment No. 2016-02 to Include the 2015 Ventura County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan with Appendices and FEMA Revisions as Part of the Safety Element and Finding of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act in Connection Therewith

BACKGROUND

On September 21, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2016-3541, directing the Planning Commission to study and provide a recommendation to the City Council on a General Plan Amendment to include the 2015 Ventura County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) in the Safety Element of the City's General Plan. On October 25, 2016, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this proposed amendment. No members of the public spoke on this proposal. After discussion, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. PC-2016-614, recommending approval of the General Plan Amendment. This public hearing item is for the City Council to consider approval of a General Plan Amendment to include the 2015 Ventura County MHMP, with Appendices and FEMA Revisions, as part of the Safety Element of the City's General Plan. A separate agenda item is included on this meeting's agenda for the City Council to consider adoption of the MHMP.

DISCUSSION

On July 26, 2016, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2015 MHMP, updated with FEMA revisions, that covers 9 of the 10 cities in the county (Simi Valley did not participate in this plan), as well as the unincorporated area of the county. It has been prepared to address federal requirements under the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, which encourages close coordination between local, state and federal agencies in disaster mitigation planning. The complete MHMP, with appendices and FEMA revisions, is available online on the City website. The attached draft resolution includes only the cover page and table of contents. The final resolution will include the complete MHMP with appendices and FEMA revisions.

This 2015 MHMP is an update of a plan that was originally developed by the County in 2005 and first updated in 2010. The plan addresses hazards in the areas of agriculture/biology, climate change, dam failure, drought, earthquake, flood, landslide, levee failure, post-fire debris flow, tsunami, and wildfire. A total of 22 general potential mitigation actions have been identified that focus on minimizing impacts of hazards Countywide. Of these, 6 are applicable to Moorpark and have been incorporated into Moorpark's Mitigation Action Plan (Appendix J, Pages J-18 to J-19) In addition, 4 local measures have been identified and incorporated into Moorpark's Mitigation Action Plan. The Mitigation Action Plan addresses local equipment needs and seismic upgrades to local facilities, public education, water conservation, flammable vegetation management, electronic communication improvements, and consideration of a new fire station location.

Section 8685.9 of the Government Code limits State assistance on eligible projects as part of the California Disaster Assistance Act to no more than 75% of total state eligible costs, unless the local city has adopted a local hazard mitigation plan in accordance with the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as part of the Safety Element of its General Plan, in which case the Legislature may provide for a state share of local costs that exceeds 75% of total state eligible costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The Director has reviewed this project and found it to qualify for a General Rule Exemption in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines) in that Moorpark's Mitigation Action Plan of the MHMP involves emergency equipment purchases, seismic upgrades to certain existing public facilities if necessary, educational efforts, communication improvements, landscape maintenance, and study of a potential new fire station site. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these activities may have a significant effect on the environment. No further environmental documentation is required.

NOTICING

Public Notice for this hearing was given consistent with State law and Chapter 17.44 of the Zoning Ordinance by publication in the Ventura County Star with a 1/8 page ad on November 5, 2016.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Open the public hearing, accept public testimony and close the public hearing.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2016-____ approving General Plan Amendment No. 2016-02.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2016-____

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2016-02 TO INCLUDE THE 2015 VENTURA COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN WITH APPENDICES AND FEMA REVISIONS AS PART OF THE SAFETY ELEMENT AND FINDING OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2016, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors adopted an updated 2015 Ventura County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan with FEMA Revisions for nine of the cities in Ventura County, including Moorpark, and the unincorporated area, to address the requirements of the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2016-3541, directing the Planning Commission to study and provide a recommendation to the City Council on a General Plan Amendment to include the 2015 Ventura County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in the Safety Element of the City's General Plan; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2016, the Planning Commission conducted a duly-noticed public hearing on General Plan Amendment No. 2016-02 to include the 2015 Ventura County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan with Appendices and FEMA Revisions in the Safety Element of the City's General Plan, and after closing the hearing and discussing the matter, adopted Resolution No. PC-2016-614 recommending to the City Council approval of the amendment to the Safety Element; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of November 16, 2016, the City Council conducted a duly-noticed public hearing on General Plan Amendment No. 2016-02 to include the 2015 Ventura County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan with Appendices and FEMA Revisions in the Safety Element of the City's General Plan, received public testimony on the proposed amendment, and after receiving oral and written public testimony, closed the public hearing and reached a decision; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Director has found General Plan Amendment No. 2016-02 to qualify for a General Rule Exemption in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines) in that Moorpark's Mitigation Action Plan of the Ventura County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan involves emergency equipment purchases, seismic upgrades to certain existing public facilities if necessary, educational efforts, communication improvements, landscape maintenance, and study of a potential new fire station site. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these activities may have a significant effect on the environment. No further environmental documentation is required.

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The City Council concurs with the Community Development Director's determination that General Plan Amendment No. 2016-02 qualifies for a General Rule Exemption in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines) in that Moorpark's Mitigation Action Plan of the Ventura County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan involves emergency equipment purchases, seismic upgrades to certain existing public facilities if necessary, educational efforts, communication improvements, landscape maintenance, and study of a potential new fire station site. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these activities may have a significant effect on the environment. No further environmental documentation is required.

SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT: The City Council approves General Plan Amendment No. 2016-02 to include the 2015 Ventura County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan with Appendices and FEMA Revisions (Exhibits A and B attached hereto and incorporated herein) in the Safety Element of the City's General Plan.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause a certified resolution to be filed in the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 2016.

Janice S. Parvin, Mayor

Maureen Benson, City Clerk

Exhibit A: 2015 Ventura County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan with Appendices
Exhibit B: FEMA Revisions

(Cover page and table of contents are attached to the draft resolution. The complete exhibits are available on the City website and will be included in the final resolution.)



2015

Ventura County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

September 2015

- Unincorporated Ventura County
- City of Camarillo
- City of Fillmore
- City of Moorpark
- City of Ojai
- City of Oxnard
- City of Port Hueneme
- City of Santa Paula
- City of Thousand Oaks
- City of Ventura
- Calleguas Municipal Water District
- Casitas Municipal Water District
- Channel Islands Beach Community Services District
- Ojai Valley Sanitary District
- United Water Conservation District
- Ventura County Water Resources Agency
- Waterworks Agency



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List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACP	Asian citrus psyllid
Cal FIRE	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Cal OES	California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services
CalARP	California Accidental Release Prevention
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
cfs	cubic feet per second
CGS	California Geological Survey
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
CPG 201	<i>Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Guide: Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 201, Second Edition, August 2013</i>
CRS	Community Rating System
DFIRM	Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map
DMA 2000	Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000
DSOD	Division of Safety of Dams
EnSo	El niño-Southern oscillation
EO	Executive Order
EPC	Emergency Planning Council
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHSZ	Fire Hazard Severity Zones
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map
FMP	Floodplain Management Plan
GIS	Geographic Information System
HLB	Huanglongbing (disease)
HMA	Hazard Mitigation Assistance
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
LCR	Levee Certification Report
MHMP	Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
NCDC	National Climatic Data Center
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NWS	National Weather Service
OES	Office of Emergency Services

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PGA	peak ground acceleration
PRR	PAL (Provisionally Accredited Levee)-Response Report
RL	Repetitive Loss
SFHA	Special Flood Hazard Areas
SRL	Severe Repetitive Loss
Stafford Act	Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988
STAS	State Threat Assessment System
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
VCFPD	Ventura County Fire Protection District
VCOE	Ventura County Office of Education
VCWPD	Ventura County Watershed Protection District