

OCTOBER 4, 2022

REVIEW OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT'S DRAFT HAZARD MITIGATION
PLAN

MOTION IN ORDER:

REVIEW THE DRAFT HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, TAKE PUBLIC
COMMENT, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO
SUBMIT THE CITY'S DRAFT HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN TO CAL OES
AND FEMA FOR INITIAL REVIEW.

MOTION:

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

☐ APPROVED

☐ DENIED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____



To: Honorable City Council

From: John Moreno, City Manager

By: Margarita Matson, Public Safety Director
Steven Coumparoules, Community
Preservation Manager

Date: October 4, 2022

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BACKGROUND

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, or Public Law 106-390, amended the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act allowing local governments to apply for assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for grant funding to support the alleviation of suffering and damage caused by hazard events. In order to be eligible for funding, local jurisdictions are required to develop and update a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The LHMP is intended to identify potential natural and caused hazards and mitigate those impacts prior to a hazard event. The City of Paramount LHMP outlines a variety of hazards, including earthquake, drought, as well as less obvious or likely events, such as dam failures and fires, which have the potential to impact the community. While the City of Paramount has already taken steps to reduce exposure to many hazard events, five-year planning updates are a requirement to remain eligible to receive federal disaster relief funding. The LHMP includes historic data of past hazard events, locations of potential hazards such as earthquake faults, the potential economic effect of the hazards, and mitigation measures for these events.

DISCUSSION

In 2019, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Management (Cal OES) accepted applications from State and local governments, special districts, universities, and private non-profit organizations on behalf of FEMA for a Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant. The City of Paramount submitted the required documentation and was awarded a \$37,500 grant. The PDM grant provided the necessary funding to update the City's LHMP. The grant funded 75% of the eligible costs of the project and the City provided a 25% match.

Hazard mitigation planning is a dynamic process built on realistic assessments of past and present information that enables the City to anticipate future hazards and provide mitigation strategies to address possible impacts and identified needs. The overall approach to the LHMP included developing a baseline understanding of the natural and man-made hazards, determining ways to reduce risks, and prioritizing mitigation recommendations for implementation. To complete these objectives, the City compiled a

qualified team with various expertise, including risk management, public safety and health, engineering and public works, water infrastructure, and emergency response agencies, to participate on a Steering Committee to guide the development of the comprehensive City LHMP.

The most significant updates to our LHMP included the addition of homelessness as an identified hazard. By including homelessness as a recognized hazard into the plan, the City may be able to utilize Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for relief. Additionally, notable changes to the plan included a refreshed discussion on climate change and discussions surrounding equity and sensitive populations.

To comply with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, which requires an "Open and Public Process" for developing the Hazard Mitigation Plan, a draft of the LHMP was posted on our City website on September 10, 2022 for residents to review. Residents were made aware that if they would like to comment on the plan, they could do so by email, or in person at the October 4, 2022 City Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of updating the LHMP is \$50,000: \$37,500 or 75% was awarded to the City by Cal OES on behalf of FEMA and is reimbursable on a quarterly basis. The remaining \$12,500 or 25% required match by the City is budgeted within the Public Safety Administration Division.

VISION, MISSION, VALUES, AND STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

The City's Vision, Mission, and Values set the standard for the organization; establish priorities, uniformity and guidelines; and provide the framework for policy decision making. The Strategic Outcomes were implemented to provide a pathway to achieving the Vision of a city that is safe, healthy, and attractive. This item aligns with Strategic Outcome No. 1: Safe Community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council review the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan, take public comment, and authorize the City Manager or his designee to submit the City's Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan to Cal OES and FEMA for initial review.

Attachment:

Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan (see link below)

<https://www.paramountcity.com/home/showpublisheddocument/8742/637983176642000000>