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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Neal T. O'Haire, Emergency Services Manager, 253-4257
SUBJECT: Approval of Final Napa Operational Area Final Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services requests adoption of a resolution approving the final Disaster Mitigation Act 2000 Napa Operational Area Pre-disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan dated December 2004.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A grant from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services partially funded the preparation of the Napa Operational Area Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. A draft Plan was developed by Napa County, in cooperation with the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, St. Helena, Calistoga, the Town of Yountville and special districts. The Plan identifies the threats facing Napa County and its jurisdictions, and identifies a plan to mitigate the various threats. On May 25, 2004, the Board of Supervisors approved a Letter of Promulgation accepting the draft Plan prior to forwarding the document to State and Federal agencies for their approval and acceptance.

The Plan has now received approval from the State and final approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), thus complying with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requirements. At this time, we are returning to your Board to request adoption of a resolution accepting the final approved Napa Operational Area Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan dated December 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 required local governments to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan in place by November, 2004. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services awarded the County of Napa a grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the preparation of this Plan.

Napa County, in cooperation with the Cities of Napa, American Canyon, St. Helena, Calistoga, the Town of Yountville, and Napa County special districts, has prepared this Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Plan's purpose is to ensure the most effective and economical allocation of resources for the protection of residents and property prior to the onset of a natural or technological disaster.

The Plan incorporates and coordinates the best possible approaches to mitigation from Napa's four major threats: flooding, wildfire, earthquakes and technological hazards, such that these approaches can be rapidly and effectively applied as resources become available to conduct the mitigation measures. The key elements of the plan include the process we undertook to create the plan, a detailed analysis of the threats each community faces, the vulnerabilities that face each community, and the approaches we could take to reduce these vulnerabilities. This multi-year Plan identifies threat specific approaches to address many of the mitigation challenges facing Napa County and its various jurisdictions. The Plan will be updated as needed, and is scheduled for update every five years, to incorporate new hazards and mitigation measures which have been implemented or are needed.

On May 25, 2004, a Letter of Promulgation accepting the draft Plan was approved by the Board. The draft Plan was submitted to the State and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for their approval and acceptance as being in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requirements. On December 17, 2004, FEMA notified Napa County that the draft Plan had been reviewed and accepted. The Napa Operational Area plan represents the first multi-jurisdictional and county level plan in California to receive both State and Federal approval. This approval by FEMA is good for five years, results in eligibility for all our signatory jurisdictions' to apply for competitive pre-disaster mitigation grants established by DMA 2000, and maintains their eligibility for the full range of post disaster recovery funding and mitigation grants.

By adopting the resolution approving the DMA 2000 Napa Operational Area Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan dated December 2004, the Board formally adopts the final Plan as Napa County's plan and road map to being a more disaster-resistant community.

(The complete plan is available for review in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors' Office.)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . FEMA Approval Letter
- B . Resolution - approving Plan

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Britt Ferguson