NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Minh Tran - County Executive Officer
       Emergency Services
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SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Approving the 2020 Napa County Operational Area Hazard Mitigation Plan

RECOMMENDATION
County Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services requests adoption of a resolution adopting the 2020 Napa Operational Area Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that state and local governments develop and submit an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years. The updated plan has been developed 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 the jurisdictions of Napa County, and lays out a plan to mitigate these threats. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires adoption of a resolution by the Board of Supervisors adopting the updated Plan prior to FEMA's final approval of the Plan.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? Yes
Where is it budgeted? Emergency Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Mandatory
Is the general fund affected? Yes
Future fiscal impact: None.
Consequences if not approved: Non-compliance could result in jurisdictions being ineligible to apply for pre-disaster mitigation grants as well as ineligibility for a range of post disaster recovery funding.

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 required local governments to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) in place by the end of 2004, with updates required every five years, or sooner if deemed necessary, to incorporate new hazards and mitigation measures which have been implemented or are needed.

This is a multi-jurisdictional Plan including the Cities of American Canyon, Calistoga, St. Helena and the Town of Yountville, the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Howell Mountain Mutual Water Company, Napa County Office of Education, Napa Valley College and the County of Napa. Their councils/boards have adopted the Plan prior to presentation to your board, and copies of their resolutions are included in the Plan.

Napa County, along with participating jurisdictions, developed an update to the 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan over the past 18 months to reduce losses resulting from natural disasters. Hazard mitigation is the use of long-term actions to reduce the loss of life, personal injury, and property damage that can result from a disaster. The goals of the Plan before you today are individual to each participating agency and the overarching goal of reducing death, injury and structural damage include:

- The use of planning regulations and preventative measures;
- The use of public education and awareness programs;
- The use of natural resource/systems protection;
- The use of structural/infrastructure projects; and
- The use of emergency services in relation to natural hazards.

The Plan was developed by the MJHMP Planning Committee, made up of participants from all participating jurisdictions advising on hazard and mitigation action priorities both for the County as a whole and each jurisdiction individually, with expertise from consultants on the project, Dynamic Planning & Science. The plan has been reviewed by the public (comments have been addressed) and is currently being reviewed by the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The Draft Plan is likely to change based on Cal OES and FEMA review, but those changes are not expected to be substantive and will be subject to review by each participating jurisdiction. Because of the August 2020 deadline for FEMA and Cal OES approval, after responding to their comments, participating jurisdictions are being asked to adopt the Plan, including any changes suggested by the reviewing agencies.

A current and approved hazard mitigation plan is a prerequisite for jurisdictions wishing to pursue funding under
FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program (HMA). The Napa County MJHMP must be updated every five (5) years to remain in compliance with regulations and Federal mitigation grant conditions; FEMA approved an August 2020 deadline for approval of an updated Napa County MJHMP, and several jurisdictions have funding contingent on approval of this Update.

If adopted, the County resolution and the updated 2020 Napa Operational Area Hazard Mitigation Plan will be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for final approval. Adoption of a resolution by the Board of Supervisors is required prior to final submission of the Plan to FEMA. A copy of the the Plan is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A. Resolution 2020

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi