



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** March 27, 2018

From: Joseph Ramos, Emergency Services Officer **Item No:** 6
Disaster Services Department

Subject: 2017 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

T.M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item:** Yes No N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Town Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-09, adopting the 2017 Apple Valley Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

SUMMARY:

Under the direction of the Town Managers Department, the Office of Emergency Preparedness began updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) in the summer of 2016. The plan requires an inclusive approach by inviting key stakeholders and community members to be involved in the planning process. Updates and opportunities for suggestions and feedback on the HMP were provided at every Disaster Council meeting during the planning process. An update was also provided to Council on March 28, 2017. Council was informed that the plan would be open for public review for 30 days beginning in April of 2017.

The original HMP was approved by Town Council through Resolution No. 2005-12 on March 8, 2005. The Town participated with the San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services in the planning process to revise the HMP according to compliance standards set forth by FEMA. The Town's review and revision of the HMP Update reflects changes in development, progress of previously identified mitigation projects in the 2012 Plan, and hazard priorities.

The HMP describes the hazards that can affect the Town, assess the community's risk from these hazards and provides actions or projects that the community desires to mitigate vulnerabilities.

Timeline:

- HMP was submitted to Cal OES for review on September 18, 2017
- Cal OES provided feedback on December 13, 2017.
- HMP was resubmitted to Cal OES on January 24, 2018.
- HMP was submitted to FEMA by Cal OES on February 1, 2018.
- FEMA approved HMP “pending adoption by Council” on March 2, 2018.

Once the final requirements have been met, a letter of official approval from FEMA will be generated and sent to the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

The 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update is available on the Town’s website: www.ReadyAppleValley.org.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA) establishes requirements for state and local entities to prepare and keep updated a comprehensive HMP. In order to be eligible for pre and post disaster mitigation grants each jurisdiction must submit a plan to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for approval. The regulation requires that HMP’s be updated and resubmitted to FEMA for approval every five years in order for jurisdictions to remain eligible for FEMA grant programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. However, the adoption of the HMP is a pre-requisite for receiving pre-disaster mitigation grant funds, disaster response reimbursements and mitigation project reimbursements linked to damages resulting from a federal and/or state disaster declaration.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2018-09
2. FEMA letter

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2011 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE, AUTHORIZING FUTURE NON-SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2011-37

WHEREAS, the preservation of life and property is an inherent responsibility of local, State and Federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Town is charged and entrusted with the protection of persons and property prior to and during emergencies, and/or disaster conditions; and

WHEREAS, the goal of a Hazard Mitigation Plan is to minimize, reduce or eliminate loss of life and/or property; and

WHEREAS, this Hazard Mitigation Plan represents a comprehensive description of the Town's commitment to reducing, preventing or eliminating potential impacts of disasters caused by natural and human-caused hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apple Valley previously adopted its Hazard Mitigation Plan with the adoption of Resolution No. 2011-37; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to rescind Resolution No. 2011-37 and adopt the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Town has undertaken a comprehensive and inclusive planning effort in developing the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan by organizing resources, assessing risks, and developing and implementing a mitigation plan and monitoring process; and

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Plan is a Federal requirement under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 for the Town to receive Federal funds for disaster recovery and mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Plan established a coordinated effort to support mitigation activities and identifies measures to combat natural and man-made hazards within our Town; and

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Plan is an extension of the State of California Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and will be reviewed and exercised periodically and revised as necessary to meet changing conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apple Valley agrees to adopt this Hazard Mitigation Plan and urges all officials, employees, public and private organizations, and citizens, individually and collectively, to do their share in furthering the goals and objectives of hazard mitigation within the Town of Apple Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Resolution No. 2011-37 is hereby rescinded.

Section 2. The Town Council approves the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Town of Apple Valley.

Section 3. The Town Council authorizes the Director of Emergency Services to make necessary administrative and operational changes to the plan that are in keeping with the intent of the plan as approved.

Section 4. The Town Council authorizes the Director of Emergency Services, or his duly appointed representative, to perform all duties required to carry out the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Section 5. That the Town Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley this 27th day of March, 2018.

Art Bishop, Mayor

ATTEST:

LA Vonda M-Pearson, Town Clerk



FEMA

March 2, 2018

Joseph Ramos
Emergency Services Officer
Town of Apple Valley
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Dear Mr. Ramos:

We have completed our review of the *Town of Apple Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan 2017 Update*, and have determined that this plan is eligible for final approval pending its adoption by the Town of Apple Valley.

Formal adoption documentation must be submitted to the FEMA Region IX office by the jurisdiction within one calendar year of the date of this letter, or the entire plan must be updated and resubmitted for review. We will approve the plan upon receipt of the documentation of formal adoption.

If you have any questions regarding the planning or review processes, please contact Alison Kearns, Senior Community Planner, at (510) 627-7125 or by email at alison.kearns@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey D. Lusk".

Jeffrey D. Lusk
Division Director
Mitigation Division
FEMA Region IX

Enclosure

cc: Julie Norris, Mitigation and Dam Safety Branch Chief, California Governor's Office of
Emergency Services
Jennifer Hogan, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, California Governor's Office of
Emergency Services

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