



**AGENDA ITEM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE – MARCH 6, 2018
CONSENT CALENDAR**

TO : City Manager
FROM : Fire Chief
SUBJECT : **LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN STRATEGY UPDATE**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Benicia's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) was updated and adopted in April 2017. An update to the Plan is required every five years. The 2017 LHMP identifies Benicia's natural hazard vulnerabilities and outlines a five-year strategic plan to reduce those vulnerabilities. Adoption of the LHMP is required for the City to receive mitigation grant funding, and maximizes the City's post-disaster recovery funding. Section 7.2 (Monitoring) of the LHMP states that the Fire Department will coordinate monitoring, evaluation and updates to the mitigation plan on an annual basis within the five-year cycle. A status report on the implementation of the LHMP strategies is provided for review.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review Status Report on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Strategies, as required by the Plan.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

There are no direct budgetary impacts associated with this report.

With an adopted LHMP, the City may:

1. Apply for additional funding through federal mitigation grant programs.
2. Receive additional post-disaster recovery funding from the State of California.
Following a disaster, recovery costs are generally borne as: 75% federal, 18.75% state, 6.25% city. If the City has a current, adopted LHMP, the Governor and State Legislature can vote to authorize the State to cover the 6.25% City share. In a catastrophic disaster with public infrastructure losses, this 6.25% cost share would be significant.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Benicia has several plans to assist and provide guidance in disaster preparation. These include the Community Health and Safety Element of the General Plan (2003), the Emergency Operations Plan (2007 – currently being updated), and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2017). The City of Benicia's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan was originally adopted in 2007

and updated in 2012 and 2017. The 2017 update was prepared by the City of Benicia with input and assistance from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Throughout the development of the Plan, the community was informed and engaged. The City must have a LHMP to be eligible for mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Staff utilized various outreach methods to capture input from a large cross section of residents.

Each year, Fire Department staff works with all City departments to assess implementation progress of their strategies. Departments continue to work with the Finance Department to identify funding for projects. In addition, staff evaluates and pursues appropriate grant opportunities to fund implementation strategies.

NEXT STEPS:

Staff will continue to work towards implementing strategies. The next status report will be provided in early 2019.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

None.

General Plan	Goal 2.28: Improve and maintain public facilities and services.
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Strategic Plan	Strategic Issue 1: Protecting Community Health and Safety
	Strategy #3: Provide a high state of preparedness for disasters/emergencies.

CEQA Analysis	CEQA does not apply to the annual status report because it is not a project as defined in Chapter 2.5 Definitions (21065. Project) of the Section 21000-21189.57 Public Resources Code.
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ATTACHMENT:

1. City of Benicia Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Strategy Update

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