




# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### February 6, 2019

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager 

**SUBJECT:** Adopt a Resolution Adopting the 2018 Marin County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(2), 15061 (b)(3) (General Rule)

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution Adopting the 2018 Marin County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Federal law requires all cities, counties, and special districts to adopt a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), with updates every five years, in order to be eligible to receive non-disaster hazard mitigation funding from FEMA. The LHMP addresses the natural hazards that impact the Bay Area such as earthquake and flood. An example of non-disaster hazard mitigation funding is the grant received for the seismic retrofit of the Pavilion.

The Town last updated its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2012, through the adoption of Resolution 12-15: Adopting the Association of Bay Area Governments' Plan entitled "Taming Natural Disasters." That plan was created in collaboration with the participating jurisdictions of ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments), as the multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area.

For the current update, the Town partnered with the Marin County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES), County Department of Public Works, Fire Department, and Community Development Agency, and all Marin County cities and towns to produce the attached updated plan. The cooperative planning process included public workshops and listening sessions, posting of the draft plan on the County website for comment, and press releases.

The 2018 Marin County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (MCM LHMP), describes updated strategies for sustaining and building on current mitigation activities to ensure the future safety of lives, preservation of property, and protection of the environment during times of disaster. Mitigation planning also improves the ability to recover from disaster. The MCM LHMP specifically addresses the natural hazards that

impact Marin County: earthquake, flood, landslide/debris flow, wildfire, and dam inundation. Note that Appendix J of the LHMP contains the analysis specific to Fairfax.

The MCM LHMP is based on critical data with a focus on Hazard Identification, Vulnerability Analysis, and Mitigation Strategies. The Plan requires updates every five years as mandated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The attached plan has been approved by FEMA (Attachment A).

### **CEQA**

The County as the local lead agency finds the MCM LHMP exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(2), 15061 (b)(3) (General Rule). While subsequent action or projects stemming from the MCM LHMP may be subject to CEQA, the MCM LHMP itself will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. FEMA Review Letter
- B. Resolution (with LHMP attached as Exhibit A)



**FEMA**

November 21, 2018

Thomas Jordan  
Emergency Services Coordinator  
Marin County Sheriff / Office of Emergency Services  
1600 Los Gamos Drive  
Suite 200  
San Rafael, California 94903

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We have completed our review of the *2018 Marin County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan*, and have determined that this plan is eligible for final approval pending its adoption by Marin County and all participating jurisdictions. Please see the enclosed list of approvable pending adoption jurisdictions.

Formal adoption documentation must be submitted to the FEMA Region IX office by the lead 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 JoAnn Scordino, Community Planner, at (510) 627-7225 or by email at [joann.scordino@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:joann.scordino@fema.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juliette Hayes", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Juliette Hayes  
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

RESOLUTION 19-\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
ADOPTING THE 2018 MARIN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL  
LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the preservation of life, property, and the environment is an inherent responsibility of local government, and

**WHEREAS**, natural disasters pose a significant threat to the lives and property of Fairfax as well as all Marin County residents and visitors, and

**WHEREAS**, natural disasters can occur with little or no warning, and

**WHEREAS**, Town staff in concert with local public safety organizations, in an effort to identify best practices used in response to the threat and occurrence of natural disasters, did update the Marin County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan integrating planning efforts of the Town into the 2018 Marin County Multi Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax as follows:

1. The 2018 Marin County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A is adopted.
2. The Town Council gives authority to the County Emergency Services Manager to make any required changes to the 2018 Marin County Multi Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as necessary.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted at meeting of the the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 6th day of February 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

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BARBARA COLER, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

**ATTACHMENT B**