

**STAFF REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2011
CONSENT AGENDA**

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: BRIAN FRAGIAO, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/TOWN ENGINEER 

DATE: MARCH 11, 2011

SUBJECT: APPROVE BY RESOLUTION THE 2010 UPDATE TO THE PLACER COUNTY LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN THEREBY MEETING STATE AND FEDERAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

RECOMMENDATION:

Town Council approve a resolution adopting the 2010 Update to the Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Congress adopted the Disaster Mitigation Act 2000 (DMA-2000) on October 31, 2000 as Public Law (PL) 106-390. Its emphasis is on creating an ongoing, community-wide public/government planning process ultimately resulting in the local governing board formally adopting a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP).

The plan delineates hazards and assesses risks of a variety of natural hazards that could potentially impact Placer County. Projects, measures and policies contained in a LHMP are designed and recommended based on the nexus between hazard and values at risk. Timely and efficient plan implementation will reduce risk in all Placer County communities.

In addition to the County, 15 cities and special districts participated to a significant degree in this 18-month planning process and as a result their individual projects are also included in the update. The cities of Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln and Rocklin; the Town of Loomis; and the Alpine Springs County Water District, Squaw Valley Public Service District, Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District, Tahoe City Public Utilities District, Nevada Irrigation District, Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the Fire Protection Districts of Foresthill, North Tahoe, and Placer Hills were all active participants.

Examples of action items located in the County that mitigate the effects of wild land fires include creation and maintenance of strategically placed shaded and demonstration fuel breaks, increased compliance by local populations with defensible space requirements, and sustained public education efforts through fire safe councils. For flood prevention, the plan lists such steps

as elevating homes in often-flooding watersheds, upgrading flood warning systems, and implementing select bridge and culvert replacements. Each special district and city/town has its own unique project list that addresses known hazards.

Town Council adopted Placer County's initial Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in May, 2005. For this update, Placer County OES was able to secure Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant funding in early 2007 and formed Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) using the 2005 planning model. After 18 months of work the HMPC successfully completed preparation of a comprehensive multi-jurisdictional plan update by December 2009. At that time the update was submitted to the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) for its review, and once its audit was completed, it was forwarded to FEMA which, in April of last year, granted conditional approval. Final FEMA approval will be granted upon formal adoption of the plan by each jurisdiction.

Adoption into The Public Health and Safety Element of the Town General Plan: California's Assembly Bill (AB) 2140 permits additional State funding (an "additional state share") for certain disaster recovery projects funded under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA). This applies only if the local agency (i.e., Loomis) incorporates, by Resolution, the approved LHMP in the Public Health and Safety Element of the Town General Plan. This action by a resolution will be brought to Council at a later date.

FINANCIAL AND/OR POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

There is no current or expected future fiscal impact to the Town General Fund as a result of this action. Funding for mitigation projects will continue to be sought through other ongoing revenues (as approved) and by alternative funding sources that includes both State and Federal grants.

The 2010 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan can be viewed at:

<http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/CEO/Emergency/Final%20Hazard%20Mitigation%20Plan.aspx>

TOWN OF LOOMIS

RESOLUTION NO. 11-

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS ADOPTING THE PLACER COUNTY 2010 UPDATE TO THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, The Town of Loomis recognizes the threat that natural disasters and hazards pose to people and property within our community, and that undertaking hazard mitigation actions such are delineated in this update to the Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan reduces the potential for harm to people and property from future disasters and hazardous incidents; and

WHEREAS, Town of Loomis staff and numerous local agencies participated fully in updating the Placer County 2005 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and its official adoption by the Town Council is a pre-condition for future funding of certain mitigation projects under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

WHEREAS, FEMA (Region IX) has reviewed and conditionally approved the 2010 update to the Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and will grant final approval upon its official adoption by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the conditional approval granted by FEMA is applicable for all other participating agencies, it will grant final approval only upon official adoption by the governing body of each.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Loomis that the 2010 FEMA-approved update to the Placer County 2005 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Town's Community Profile Section is hereby officially adopted.

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Town Council of the Town of Loomis at a regular meeting held April 12, 2011 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

Mayor

Attest:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Town Clerk

Town Attorney