



STAFF REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2016

To: Town Council

From: Public Works Director

Subject: Adopting the 2016 Update to the Placer County Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Date: November 8, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a resolution adopting the 2016 Update to the Placer County Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Town's General Plan.

DISCUSSION:

Congress adopted the Disaster Mitigation Act 2000 (DMA-2000) on October 31, 2000 as PL106-390. The emphasis of DMA-2000 is on creating an ongoing, community-wide public/government planning process that results in the local governing board formally adopting a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP).

Mitigation planning is a process for state and local governments to identify community-level policies and actions that will mitigate and thus reduce the impacts of natural hazards. As specified by DMA-2000, local governments are required to update their LHMP every five years in order to remain eligible for future federal disaster mitigation funding. In accordance with DMA-2000, a LHMP must describe the type, location, and extent of all natural hazards that can affect the jurisdiction; describe the jurisdictions' vulnerability to these hazards; include a mitigation strategy that provides the jurisdictions blueprint for reducing the potential losses; and, contain a plan maintenance process.

In 2005, Placer County Office of Emergency Services (PCOES), working with 15 jurisdictions, including Loomis, hired consultant, AMEC Consulting, to complete the original LHMP. Subsequently the Town Council adopted the original LHMP and FEMA approved the LHMP.

The Plan was updated in 2010, PCOES applied and received a FEMA grant, hired AMEC Consulting, and partnered with 17 jurisdictions, including Loomis, to complete the LHMP update. In April 2010 Town Council passed a resolution adopting the Placer County 2010 Update and incorporating the LHMP into the Town's Public Health and Safety Element of the Town General Plan.

For the 2016 LHMP update project, PCOES received a FEMA grant in May 2014 and hired Foster Morrison Consulting in early April of 2015. Following a similar process as required by FEMA for the 2005 and 2010 LHMPs, the process began with the reconvening of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) Working Group followed by conducting a publicly noticed kick-off meeting in late April 2015. Seven other working meetings, all publicly noticed, were held in subsequent months to conduct the LHMP planning and updating process. The HMPC Working Group consisted of representatives from select County Departments, the cities of Colfax, Auburn, Lincoln and Rocklin, the Town of Loomis, and participating Fire Districts and Special Districts within the County. All HMPC members contributed substantially to the LHMP update process. Additionally, public meetings were held at the beginning of the project and near conclusion of the project to provide the public multiple opportunities to ask questions and provide input on the LHMP Update.

The 2016 Placer County LHMP update, meets the requirements of DMA-2000. Key LHMP highlights include:

- Positioning the County and participating jurisdictions to compete more effectively for pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding.
- Development of the LHMP update in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) Activity 510 requirements to enhance the floodplain management programs of the Town.
- Participation of 22 participating jurisdictions including Loomis, the County, four other incorporated communities and 16 special districts.
- An updated hazard risk assessment for 18 hazards, which included flood, wildfire, drought, earthquake, dam failure, seiche, severe storms, and agricultural hazards as priority hazards of concern to the County.
- An assessment of the impact of climate change on identified hazards of concern.
- Development of an updated mitigation strategy for the County and all participating jurisdictions, including new plan goals and objectives and the identification of 135 mitigation actions to address identified hazards.

FEMA has completed their review of the Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update officially adopted by Placer County, California on May 17, 2016 and found the plan to be in conformance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans. (see attached letter from FEMA dated June 13, 2016).

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action itself does not create any fiscal impact. The update to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is funded by grants from FEMA.

CEQA

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Adoption of the LHMP will not result in direct physical changes to the environment therefore it exempt from CEQA (Public Resources section 15060 (c)(2)(3); 15061 (b)(3) and 15378 (a)).

TOWN OF LOOMIS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS ADOPTING THE 2016 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE AND AMENDING THE TOWN OF LOOMIS GENERAL PLAN BY ADOPTING 2016 CIRCULATION ELEMENT UPDATE

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 the 2016 update of the current Placer County 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 2016 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 2016 FEMA-approved update to the Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Town's Community Profile Section is hereby officially adopted into the Town of Loomis Public Health and Safety Element of the Town General Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Town of Loomis this 8th day of November, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:	Black, Morillas, Wheeler
NOES:	Ucovich
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	Baker

Mayor pro tempore

ATTEST:

Town Clerk