

## **REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE: MAY 9, 2012**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER**

**BY: LOUIS CELAYA, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-1668 APPROVING THE LAS VIRGENES-MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2011-2015**

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Under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Mitigation Act”), local governments are required to develop and submit a local hazard mitigation plan to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) every few years as a condition of receiving FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds under the act.

In 2005, the City Council adopted the 2005-2010 Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Government Hazard Mitigation Plan (LVMCOG) for the City. This was a five-year plan, and, also, a multi-jurisdictional plan prepared by all five Council of Government cities (Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village, and Malibu).

For the 2011 plan, the LVMCOG voted, again, to prepare one comprehensive hazard mitigation plan to encompass all the LVMCOG cities. The preparation of the 5-year plan was done by MLC & Associates, Inc., through a contract with the LVMCOG and paid for with grant funding. As in 2005, the plan was a collaborative effort by all the five cities involved. The City Managers served as the Steering Committee, and appointed staff served as the working group, with development facilitated by the LVMCOG’s Executive Director and MLC & Associates, Inc. Input was received from city departments for the various updates to the plan, and the public was invited to participate via surveys handed out at community meetings (i.e, CERT training sessions, CERT DRT meetings), as well as information postings on the City’s website and cable channel. The final revised plan was posted on the City website for review and comment. No comments were received by City staff or the COG’s consultant.

For the 2011 plan, information was updated to reflect the latest mitigation measures made by the City in the areas of earthquakes, wildfire, windstorms, landslide, and flood. Also included in the plan is the topic of terrorism mitigation. While not considered a viable probability, the current global climate requires the topic to continue to be addressed. Additionally, the plan includes many annexes, including a disaster preparedness risk survey for the region where community members rated their preparedness and identified risks.

The 2011 plan meets the requirements of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and provides eligibility for the cities of the LVMCOG to apply for federal mitigation funding after a disaster and for mitigation grants before disasters strike.

Following approval by all five cities, MLC & Associates, Inc. will be responsible for submitting the plan to Office of Emergency Services (OES) and FEMA for review. Upon acceptance by

FEMA, the LVMCOG cities will gain eligibility for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds. According to federal requirements, the plan will be evaluated on an annual basis by the LVMCOG and the cities to determine the effectiveness of programs and to reflect any needed program changes. A copy of the plan will be on file with the City Clerk.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the City Council adopt Resolution No. 12-1668 Approving the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Government Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2011-2015.

Attachment: Resolution No. 12-1668

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-1668**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE LAS VIRGENES-MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2011-2015**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Mitigation Act”) requires that local governments develop and submit local hazard mitigation plans to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) as a condition of receiving FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds after November 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments, in conjunction with a steering committee comprised of the member city managers and members of various city departments, developed the multi-jurisdiction Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2011-2015 (“Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan”) to serve as the hazard mitigation plan for the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and Westlake Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hazard Mitigation Plan has been environmentally reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 *et seq.*) (hereafter the “Guidelines”), and a Class 6 Categorical Exemption has been issued in accordance with the requirements of Section 15306 of the Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the public has been provided an opportunity to comment on the Hazard Mitigation Plan during its drafting, and prior to its approval, by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a duly-noticed public meeting on May 9, 2012, to consider the adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Agoura Hills hereby resolves as follows:

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby adopts the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2011-2015, which was presented to the City Council on May 9, 2012 at a regular duly-noticed City Council meeting in the same form as it was presented to the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments, as the local hazard mitigation plan for the City of Agoura Hills.

**Section 2.** The City Manager is hereby directed to include a copy of this resolution in the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2011-2015.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:        ( )  
NOES:        ( )  
ABSTAIN:    ( )  
ABSENT:     ( )

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John M. Edelston, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly M. Rodrigues, City Clerk, MMC