



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2018
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. 18-1884 APPROVING THE LAS VIRGENES-MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2018

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 a multi-jurisdictional plan prepared by all five Council of Government cities (Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village, and Malibu). The plan was subsequently updated in 2011, and approved by the City Council on May, 9, 2012.

For the 2018 plan, the LVMCOG voted, again, to update and 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. The grant covers seventy-five percent (75%) of cost, with the LVMCOG cities covering the remaining match of twenty-five percent (25%). As in 2011, 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 updated plan was posted on the City website for review and comment. No comments were received by City staff or the COG's consultant.

As in 2011, the 2018 plan's information has been updated to reflect the latest mitigation measures made by the City in the areas of earthquakes, wildfire, windstorms, landslide, flood, and terrorism. While not considered a viable probability, the climate change topic continues to be addressed in this plan. For 2018, the COG cities elected to include the recent energy disruption being implemented by Southern California Edison (SCE). While this energy disruption is a new issue for cities to address, it was important to list it in the plan and acknowledge cities are still investigating its implications. Finally, the

The 2018 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. The existence of a prior approved plan was the impetus to allow the COG to apply for grant funding for the 2018 mitigation plan, and was also instrumental in the City's ability to receive federal assistance from the 2017 rainstorms, as having an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan is a requirement to receive federal funding assistance during and after natural disasters.

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 future 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. The City will contribute its portion of the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) match, approximately, approximately \$3,500.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council adopt Resolution No. 18-1884 Approving the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Government Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2018.

Attachment: Resolution No. 18-1884

RESOLUTION NO. 18-1884

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 2018

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 2018 (“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 November 14, 2018, 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 2018, which was presented to the City Council on November 14, 2018 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 2018.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2018,
by the following vote to wit:

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

William D. Koehler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, City Clerk, MMC