



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: MARCH 27, 2019

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. 19-1891, ADOPTION OF THE VIRGENES-MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2018, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 18-1884

At its November 14, 2018, meeting, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 18-1884, approving the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (COG) Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2018. The Plan was then submitted to CalOES and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval by the COG's consultant. FEMA performed its review and returned the Plan to the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG with a few minor additions requested.

Staff was advised by the Executive Director for the COG that it was incorrectly informed that the Plan was to be approved by the COG cities prior to submittal to CalOES and FEMA. As a result, the Plan requires re-approval by the COG cities.

The consultant for the COG reviewed the comments from FEMA, incorporated additions, and resubmitted the Plan. A summary of the revisions included additional language to the Plan in the following areas:

- Community and Public Participation
- Public Mitigation Planning Input
- Integration of Public Input into Mitigation Strategies and Projects
- Incorporation of Existing Plans

On January 28, 2019, the COG's Executive Director received a letter from FEMA that determined the Plan is eligible for final approval, pending adoption by the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments and all participating jurisdictions. The Plan is in the approval process by all participating Cities.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-1891 Approving the Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2018, and rescinding Resolution No. 18-1884.

Attachment: Resolution 19-1891
November 14, 2018, Staff Report – Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2018
FEMA Letter, Dated January 23, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 19-1891

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, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 18-1884

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 2018”) 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.

WHEREAS, the Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments, received comments from FEMA, requesting modifications to the “Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan” in December of 2018, and those modifications have been incorporated into a revised Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments, received a final approval letter from FEMA, dated January 28, 2019, of the “Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan” pending adoption by all participating agencies; and

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby rescinds Resolution 18-1884, dated November 14, 2018, and entitled “ A Resolution of the City Council of the City Agoura Hills California, Approving the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.”

Section 2. The City Council hereby adopts the updated Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2018, attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by this reference, as the local hazard mitigation plan for the City of Agoura Hills.

Section 3. 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 27th day of March, 2019, by the following vote to wit:



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

Linda L. Northrup, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, City Clerk, MMC

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

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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FEMA

January 23, 2019

Terry Dipple
Executive Director
Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG)
6165 Spring Valley Road
Hidden Hills, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Dipple:

We have completed our review of the *LVMCOG Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan* and have determined that this plan is eligible for final approval pending its adoption by the Las-Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments 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 the FEMA Region IX Hazard Mitigation Planning Team at fema-r9-mitigation-planning@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juliette Hayes".

fw 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

Due to the large size of this document, the electronic version is available for review on the City's website at:
<http://www.ci.agoura-hills.ca.us/Home/Components/News/News/1795/36?backlist=%2f>

Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments

Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

2018



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