

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: APRIL 27, 2005

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-1365 APPROVING THE LAS VIRGENES-MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2005-2010

The purpose of this report is to request adoption of Resolution No. 05-1365 approving the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Government (LVMCOG) Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2005-2010. The 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. Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) required state and local government to develop hazard mitigation plans by November 2004.

In September 2004, the LVMCOG voted to prepare one comprehensive hazard mitigation plan to encompass all the LVMCOG cities; Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu and Westlake Village. 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 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 Focus Group, with development facilitated by the LVMCOG's Executive Director and MLC & Associates, Inc. Input was received from city departments and the public was invited to participate. The initial draft of the plan was submitted to FEMA under the deadline.

The plan's first draft was approved and adopted by resolution of the LVMCOG on March 15, 2005. Following approval by all five cities, MLC & Associates, Inc. will be responsible for submitting it 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 is on file with the City Clerk. The plan has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

As required, the LVMCOG Hazard Mitigation Plan has been reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines. A Class 6 Categorical Exemption has been prepared as attached in accordance with the requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

It is respectfully recommended the City Council adopt Resolution No. 05-1365 Approving the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Government Hazard Mitigation Plan 2005-2010.