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HR N/A

Other N/A

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 9, 2016

DATE: January 2, 2016
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County Emergency Manager
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THROUGH: Al Rogers, Management Services
SUBJECT: Adoption of Washoe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and if adopted authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution to promulgate the plan. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Board is requested to adopt the Washoe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure, and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The County Commission adopted the Washoe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and executed a resolution to promulgate the plan on December 14, 2010.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that each jurisdiction adopt a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan on a 5-year cycle. In 2003, Washoe County formed a Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee and Planning team to develop the County's first Hazard-Mitigation Plan, published in 2005. In 2009, Washoe County began the 5-year update of this plan. FEMA encourages a regional approach to mitigation. Washoe County worked closely with the cities of Sparks and Reno, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe to produce the Region's first Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, published in 2010. In 2015, Washoe County worked closely again with Regional Partners for the 5-year update of the plan. The plan was produced with experts from the various public safety disciplines throughout the County as well as private businesses and citizens. The plan was presented to citizens in four public meetings and has been approved by the State of Nevada and FEMA. The final step in this process is formal adoption of the plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

AGENDA ITEM # 10

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the Washoe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and if adopted authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution to promulgate the plan.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *Adopt the Washoe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and if adopted authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution to promulgate the plan.*

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Washoe County formed a Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee with regional partners (the Cities of Sparks and Reno, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and the Truckee River Flood Management Project) and the efforts of this committee have resulted in the 2015 Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County and regional partners conducted a Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) and integrated public input as part of this process, to consider the natural, technological, and human caused risks to which the County is vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Recent events have shown that the County must remain ever vigilant to eliminate or reduce the risk to human life, property and the environment posed by hazards; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan's purpose is to integrate hazard mitigation strategies into the activities and programs of the County; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is a living document; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Washoe County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Washoe County, adopt the Washoe County Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and further direct that the County Emergency Manager continue to inform the public and community of the hazard mitigation strategies recommended by the plan.

ADOPTED this 9th day of February, 2016.

Kitty K. Jung, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

Washoe County Clerk



FEMA

January 25, 2016

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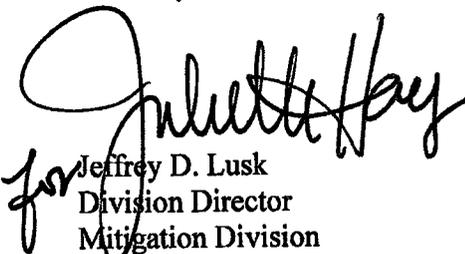
Dear Mr. Kenneston:

We have completed our review of the *Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan*, and have determined that this plan is eligible for final approval pending its adoption by Washoe County and all participating jurisdictions. Please see the enclosed list of approvable pending adoption jurisdictions.

Formal adoption documentation must be submitted to the Regional 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 Phillip Wang, Hazard Mitigation Planner at (510) 627-7753, or by email at phillip.wang@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,


for Jeffrey D. Lusk
Division Director
Mitigation Division
FEMA Region IX

Enclosure

cc: Caleb S. Cage, Chief, Nevada Division of Emergency Management
Karen Johnson, Nevada Department of Public Safety

Status of Participating Jurisdictions as of January 25, 2016

Jurisdictions – Approvable Pending Adoption

#	Jurisdiction	Date of Adoption
1	Washoe County	
2	Reno, City of	
3	Sparks, City of	
4	Truckee River Flood Management Authority	
5	Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	
6	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	