



# City Council Memorandum

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**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL                      DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

**FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT                                              WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CITY OF RIVERSIDE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN ANNEX FROM RIVERSIDE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**ISSUE:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the City of Riverside Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex from the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the City of Riverside Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex from the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute related documents necessary to obtain federal financial assistance relating to mitigation.

**BACKGROUND:**

Hazard mitigation planning is a process used by government agencies to understand risks from natural hazards and develop long-term strategies to reduce the impacts of disasters on people, property, and the environment. The Riverside County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) identifies potential hazards, reviews and assesses past disaster occurrences, estimates the probability of future occurrences, and sets mitigation goals to help reduce or eliminate long-term risk throughout Riverside County. There are disaster related funds available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for hazard mitigation purposes, however, an approved LHMP is required for eligibility. The City of Riverside has been a participant in the LHMP process since 2012 having plans approved on June 14, 2012 and March 5, 2015.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Riverside County Emergency Management Department maintains a Multi-Jurisdictional LHMP with various cities, special districts, tribal partners and hospitals—including the City of Riverside. In June 2016, the City of Riverside Fire Department’s Office of Emergency Management submitted a Letter of Commitment to join the Riverside County Multi-Jurisdictional LHMP, and subsequently prepared an Annex to the plan to address unique emergency planning considerations for the City. FEMA and the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) have reviewed the Riverside County Multi-Jurisdictional LHMP and the City of Riverside LHMP Annex and determined that the plan is eligible for final approval pending adoption by the City of Riverside.

Staff is recommending that City Council adopt a resolution approving the City of Riverside Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex (Attachment 2).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund associated with this report.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. City of Riverside Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex