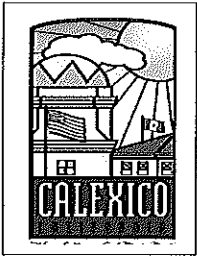


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# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** February 17, 2021

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**APPROVED BY:** Miguel Figueroa, City Manager *MIF*

**PREPARED BY:** Miguel Figueroa, City Manager  
Carlos Campos, Best Best & Krieger LLP, City Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Incorporation of the Updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Safety Element

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### Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Approving the Incorporation of the Updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Safety Element.

### Discussion and Analysis

Across the United States, natural and human-caused disasters have led to increasing levels of death, injury, property damage, and interruption of business and government services. The impact on families and individuals can be immense and damages to businesses can result in regional economic consequences. The time, money and effort to respond to and recover from these disasters divert public resources and attention from other important programs and problems.

Never have these risks been clearer in recent times than in the year 2020 when the entire nation and globe are experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic. The illness, death, and economic disruption of the COVID-19 crisis has impacted every American in ways for which many were unprepared.

Hazard Mitigation is defined by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) as “any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from hazards.” For the purpose of this Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) Update, hazards are both natural and human-caused. A “hazard” is defined by FEMA as “any event or condition with the potential to cause fatalities, injuries, property damage, infrastructure damage, agricultural loss, environmental damage, business interruption, or other loss” (44 CFR Section 206 401). Hazard mitigation generally involves alteration of physical environments, significantly reducing risk and

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vulnerability to hazards by altering the built environment so that life and property losses can be avoided or reduced. Mitigation also makes it faster and less expensive to respond to and recover from disasters.

The Planning Partners of the County of Imperial, City of Brawley, City of Calipatria, City of El Centro, City of Holtville, City of Imperial, City of Westmorland, the Imperial Irrigation District and the Imperial County Office of Education (representing all of Imperial County's School Districts) recognize the consequences of disasters and the need to reduce the impacts of natural and human-caused hazards. Each participating jurisdiction in Imperial County will have its own sections within the overall Imperial County Plan.

The elected and appointed officials of the MHMP Planning Jurisdictions have chosen to carefully select mitigation actions in the form of projects and programs that can become long-term, cost effective means for reducing the impact of hazards. The Planning Partners have developed this MHMP to create a safer community. The purpose of the MHMP is to significantly reduce deaths, injuries, and other disaster losses caused by natural and human caused hazards in Imperial County. The MHMP describes past and current hazard mitigation activities and outlines goals, strategies, and actions for reducing future disaster losses. The Imperial County MHMP is the representation of the County's commitment to reduce risks from natural and other hazards and serves as a guide for decision-makers as they commit resources to reducing the effects of natural and other hazards. While DMA 2000 requires that local communities address only natural hazards, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends that local comprehensive mitigation plans address man-made and technological hazards to the extent possible. Towards that goal, the Planning Jurisdictions have addressed an expansive set of hazards.

The Planning Partners drafted an MHMP which was approved by FEMA in 2009. An update to the MHMP was approved by FEMA in 2014.

The City published a Public Notice on August 24, 2020 requesting public comment. The public comment period closed on September 1, 2020. This Resolution adopts a comprehensive update that took place throughout last year.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None anticipated.

**Coordinated With:**

City Attorney's Office.

**Attachment(s):**

1. Resolution Approving the Incorporation of the Updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Safety Element.
2. MHMP Plan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE IMPERIAL COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all jurisdictions to be covered by a Pre-Disaster All Hazards Mitigation Plan to be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency pre- and post- disaster funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the planning partners of the County of Imperial, City of Brawley, City of Calipatria, City of El Centro, City of Holtville, City of Imperial, City of Westmorland, the Imperial Irrigation District and the Imperial County Office of Education (representing all of Imperial County's School Districts) recognize the consequences of disasters and the need to reduce the impacts of natural and human-caused hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, each participating jurisdiction in Imperial County will has its own sections within the overall Imperial County Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calexico recognizes that no community is immune from natural, technological or domestic security hazards, whether it be earthquake, flood, severe winter weather, drought, heat wave, wildfire or dam failure related; and recognizes the importance of enhancing its ability to withstand hazards as well as the importance of reducing human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services and economic losses caused by those hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and California Office of Emergency Services have developed a hazards mitigation program that assists communities in their efforts to become Disaster Resistant Communities that focus, not just on disaster response and recovery, but also on preparedness and hazard mitigation, which enhances economic sustainability, environmental stability and social well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan was drafted and approved by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2009 and updated in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calexico fully participated in the Federal Emergency Management Agency prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, adopts the "Imperial County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update" as an official Plan into the City's Safety Element of the General Plan, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City of Calexico, through the Imperial County Office of Emergency Services, will submit this Adoption Resolution to the California Office of Emergency

Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX officials to enable the Plan's final approval.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

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ROSIE ARREOLA-FERNANDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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GABRIELA T. GARCIA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CARLOS CAMPOS, CITY ATTORNEY

State of California )  
County of Imperial ) s.s.  
City of Calexico )

I, Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk of the City of Calexico, California do hereby certify the above Resolution No. 2021-\_\_\_\_\_ was approved at a regular City Council meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, by the following vote to wit:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

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GABRIELA T. GARCIA, CITY CLERK