



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *February 25, 2020*

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2020
TO: Board of County Commissioners
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the 2020 Washoe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and if adopted authorize the County Commission Chairman to execute a Resolution to promulgate the plan. (All Common Districts)

SUMMARY

Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is requested to approve a 2020 Washoe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan is updated every five years and is required to be eligible for FEMA reimbursement in the event of a disaster.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

February 9, 2016 – The County Commission adopted the 2015 Washoe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and executed a resolution to promulgate the plan.

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

BACKGROUND

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that each jurisdiction adopt a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan on a 5-year cycle. Washoe County published the County's first Hazard-Mitigation Plan in 2005. In 2010, Washoe County completed 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. In 2015, Washoe County worked closely again with Regional Partners and added the Truckee River Flood Management Authority (TRFMA) for the 5-

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year update of the plan. Now, in 2020 an updated plan was produced with experts from the various public safety disciplines throughout the County as well as private businesses and citizens. The plan includes the cities of Sparks and Reno, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, TRFMA, as well as the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) and the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District (NLTFPD). 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

No fiscal impact at this time as staff is seeking adoption of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the 2020 Washoe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and if adopted authorize the County Commission Chairman to execute a Resolution to promulgate the plan. (All Common Districts)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“move to adopt the 2020 Washoe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and authorize the County Commission Chairman to execute a Resolution to promulgate the plan.”*