



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**DATE:** April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the 2025 Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is created under the authority of the Stafford Act, as updated by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and federal regulations (44 CFR § 201), which require communities to identify local hazards, assess risks, and develop strategies to reduce the impact of disasters. If adopted authorize the County Commission Chairman to execute a Resolution to promulgate the plan. Manager. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### SUMMARY

Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is requested to approve the 2025 Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan is updated every five years and is required to be eligible for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement in the event of a disaster. It is also a requirement for eligibility for funding programs like the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants and Flood Mitigation Assistance. This plan was written to identify additional funding sources for the mitigation action items identified for initiation, or completion, over the next five years.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Economic Impacts: Support a thriving community.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020** – The County Commission adopted the 2020 Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and executed a resolution to promulgate the plan.

**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016** - The County Commission adopted the 2015 Washoe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and executed a resolution to promulgate the plan.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010** - The County Commission adopted the 2010 Washoe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and executed a resolution to promulgate the plan.

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that each jurisdiction adopts a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan on a 5-year cycle. Washoe County published the County's first Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2005. FEMA encourages a regional approach to mitigation and mitigation plans. Washoe County worked with jurisdictional partners, stakeholders and the public to create the Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This plan was presented to citizens in public meetings and via website publication. This plan has been approved by the State of Nevada and is currently with FEMA for review and approval. If FEMA returns the plan with a request for revisions not specific to formatting or grammar, the plan will be brought back to the Board of County Commissioners. The current request is for formal adoption of the plan by Washoe County and all jurisdictional partners before June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, the expiration date of the current plan.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact at this time as staff is seeking adoption of the Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the 2025 Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is created under the authority of the Stafford Act, as updated by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and federal regulations (44 CFR § 201), which require communities to identify local hazards, assess risks, and develop strategies to reduce the impact of disasters. If adopted authorize the County Commission Chairman to execute a Resolution to promulgate the plan. Manager (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with the staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

*“Move to accept the recommendation to adopt the 2025 Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is created under the authority of the Stafford Act, as updated by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and federal regulations (44 CFR § 201), which require communities to identify local hazards, assess risks, and develop strategies to reduce the impact of disasters. If adopted authorize the County Commission Chairman to execute a Resolution to promulgate the plan.”*