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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 8th, 2025

DATE: June 12, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Kelly Echeverria, Emergency Management Administrator, Office of the County Manager
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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners re-adopt the 2025 Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan due to requested revisions from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. 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

SUMMARY

Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is requested to re-adopt 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

May 27th, 2025 – The County Commission adopted the 2025 Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and executed a resolution to promulgate the plan.

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

AGENDA ITEM # _____

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

December 14th, 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 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. FEMA returned a request for revisions after the previous Board of County Commissioner adoption in May of 2025. The 2025 Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan may require revision to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners to re-adopt any further iterations of the 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 re-adopt the 2025 Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan due to requested revisions from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. 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.
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POSSIBLE MOTION

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

“Move to accept the recommendation to re-adopt the 2025 Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan due to requested revisions from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. 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.”