



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *August 16, 2022*

**DATE:** Thursday, August 11, 2022

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the 2022 Washoe Regional Evacuation, Sheltering and Mass Care Plan and authorize the County Emergency Management Administrator to update the plan as necessary, and if adopted authorize the County Commission Chairman to execute a Resolution to promulgate the plan. (All Common Districts)

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### SUMMARY

Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is requested to adopt the 2022 Washoe Regional Evacuation, Sheltering and Mass Care Plan and authorize the County Emergency Management Administrator to update the plan as necessary, and if adopted authorize the County Commission Chairman to execute a Resolution to promulgate the plan.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Support a Thriving Community.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

**June 23, 2020** – The County Commission accepted updates to the Regional Evacuation, Sheltering and Mass Care Plan as part of a larger acceptance of all Emergency Management Plans.

**March 25, 2008** – The County Commission accepted Regional Evacuation, Sheltering and Mass Care Plan and authorized the County Emergency Manager to update as necessary.

### BACKGROUND

Washoe County Emergency Management and Homeland Security and regional partners developed a Regional Evacuation, Sheltering and Mass Care Plan and formally adopted as a resolution on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008. This plan has been updated over the years to better serve our region. The Washoe Regional Evacuation, Sheltering and Mass Care Plan

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provides for the orderly and coordinated evacuation, sheltering, and mass care of all or any portion of the population of Washoe County or neighboring jurisdictions if it is determined that such action is the most effective means available for protecting the population from the effects of an emergency.

It is recognized that the community in Washoe County takes care of its own and many emergency actions are performed as a matter of course. This plan serves to provide a formal framework within which the County can execute evacuation/sheltering operations in extraordinary circumstances where defined guidance is necessary for effective and efficient service provision.

Major changes in this version of the plan include to update the standardized plan format, to address recent technology advances and regional practices, to include pandemic protocols, non-congregate sheltering, planning for feeding operations, and to incorporate guidance for neighborhood evacuations.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact at this time as staff is seeking adoption of the 2022 Regional Evacuation, Sheltering and Mass Care Plan.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the 2022 Washoe Regional Evacuation, Sheltering and Mass Care Plan and authorize the County Emergency Manager to update the plan as necessary, and if adopted authorize the County Commission Chairman to execute a Resolution to promulgate the plan. (All Commission Districts)

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“move adopt the 2022 Washoe Regional Evacuation, Sheltering and Mass Care Plan, and authorize the County Emergency Management Administrator to update the plan as necessary, and authorize the County Commission Chairman to execute a Resolution to promulgate the plan.”*