

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Riverside County Fire Department
Office of Emergency Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 19, 2004

SUBJECT: Adoption of Riverside County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors: Adopt Resolution Number 2004-485 adopting the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP).

BACKGROUND: Changes to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act have placed a new emphasis on hazard mitigation planning, primarily moving from post-disaster mitigation to pre-disaster planning, mitigation, and projects.

Departmental Concurrence

As part of the DMA 2000, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Act requiring local government, state, and special jurisdictions to develop hazard mitigation plans. In order to qualify for any future hazard mitigation grant awards, each jurisdiction must prepare, and have approved by the state, a local multi-hazard mitigation plan by November 1, 2004. Under the terms of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, which seeks to reduce federal expenditures for catastrophic events, a county, city, tribe, or special district affected by a declared disaster (i.e. earthquake, flood or wildfire) will still be able to receive emergency aid without having an approved plan in place. However, it would be ineligible for FEMA funds to support hazard-mitigation projects, such as elevating flood-prone homes or seismic retrofitting vulnerable structures.

Additionally, local county, city, tribe, or special district officials are being asked to formally recognize the plan as a demonstration of commitment to the process and formally adopt the plan when it is complete. (Continued on next page).

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	NO
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	NO
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature *[Signature]*

- Dept't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** | **Agenda Number:**

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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A plan must include a discussion of the planning process, a risk assessment, a description of mitigation measures, a plan-review process outline and documentation that the plan has been adopted formally by the county, city, or special district. The State of California has required all Counties, cities, special districts, and participating tribes to prepare mitigation strategies. These strategies were developed as a group by the participating agencies, which subsequently established an individual prioritization for each strategy.

Riverside County's efforts to develop a disaster-mitigation strategy started about a year ago. The goal was to bring all the members of the Riverside County Operational Area (county, cities, special district, and tribes), along with local businesses and interested members of the public together to create a multi-jurisdictional plan that identified and assessed the various hazards in the entire County of Riverside. The desire was to have the county, along with the cities, special districts, and tribes develop an all inclusive plan, rather than each city, special district, and tribe write their own plan.

The planning process including determining the potential impact of each identified hazard on the county, cities, special districts, and tribes. All participating jurisdiction helped establish a list of potential mitigation efforts and prioritized those efforts based on the needs of their jurisdiction. In addition, each participating jurisdiction developed a specific hazard mitigation strategy.

Participants in the development of the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan include: The County of Riverside, 24 Cities, 1 Tribe, 10 Hospitals, 9 School Districts, and 14 Special Districts.

The Riverside County Operational Area Multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is in two parts. Part I is an overview of all of the identified hazards in the county. Part I also includes specific mitigation strategies for the county. Part II covers the participating agencies. In Part II, each agency provided documentation of their specific hazards, prioritized mitigation strategies, and a specific mitigation effort.

The Riverside County Operational Area Multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan has been reviewed by the California Office of Emergency Services and additional information has been added to the plan, based on the State's review.

Final approval from FEMA requires a formal resolution from the County adopting the Plan as a part of the County's hazard planning process. For this reason, it is being recommended that the Plan be reviewed and approved for final adoption by the Board of Supervisors. The adoption of the plan meets the intent of the law by having an adopted plan prior to November 1, 2004. It is expected that FEMA's approval process will take approximately 45 days. In addition to Board adoption, each participating agency must submit either a formal Adoption Resolution or a Letter of Adoption to be submitted with the Plan.

The plan may be reviewed by going to the Riverside County Website, requesting an electronic copy (provided on a CD), or reviewing a hardcopy of the plan located in the County OES Riverside Office.

WEBSITE: www.co.riverside.ca.us/comments_page.asp

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2004-485

4 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA MULTI-
5 JURISDICTIONAL LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE
6 FEDERAL DISASTER MITIGATION AND COST REDUCTION ACT OF 2000

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8 **WHEREAS**, President Clinton signed H.R. 707, the *Disaster Mitigation and Cost*
9 *Reduction Act of 2000*, into law on October 30, 2000.

10 **WHEREAS**, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all jurisdictions to be
11 covered by a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to be eligible for Federal Emergency
12 Management Agency post-disaster funds; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, the Riverside County Fire Department - Office of Emergency
14 Services has acted as the lead agency in the development of the Riverside County
15 Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and,

16 **WHEREAS**, the Riverside County Fire Department - Office of Emergency
17 Services coordinated the development of the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-
18 Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan with all participating jurisdictions within
19 Riverside County; and,

20 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside is within the Riverside County Operational
21 Area; and,

22 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside is concerned about mitigating potential
23 losses from natural disasters before they occur; and,

24 **WHEREAS**, the plan identifies potential hazards, potential losses and potential
25 mitigation measures to limit losses; and,

26 **WHEREAS**, the California State Office of Emergency Services has reviewed the
27 plan on behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and,

28 **WHEREAS**, formal adoption of the plan by the County of Riverside is required
29 before final approval of the plan can be obtained from the Federal Emergency
30 Management Agency; and,

1 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside has determined that it would be in the best
2 interest of the County as a whole to adopt the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-
3 Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF**
5 **SUPERVISORS HEREBY ADOPTS** the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-
6 Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Part I and Part II to meet the requirements of
7 the Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act of 2000 and directs the Riverside
8 County Fire Department - Office of Emergency Services to forward the Riverside
9 County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Federal
10 Emergency Management Agency on behalf of the County and all other adopting
11 jurisdictions for final approval.

12 **PASSED AND APPROVED** at a regular meeting of the Riverside County Board
13 of Supervisors on this _____ day of _____, 2004.

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