

Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee
From: Lori Ann Laster, Stormwater Management Engineer
Date: December 30, 2019
Re: Review and Recommendation on Resolution for Participation in the District's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

In 2006, the District completed its first multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). As a result of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, HMPs are now required in order to be eligible for grant funding from FEMA through the Hazard Mitigation Assistance program. This District frequently utilizes these programs for projects such as floodplain structure acquisitions. Several other communities within the District have also utilized the programs to complete projects such as acquisitions, channel improvements, and power generators for critical facilities.

FEMA requires that the plan be updated every five years. The plan was last updated in 2016. The District successfully applied for a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant to begin work on updating the plan. A professional services contract with JEO Consulting Group was approved to begin the update of the plan, which must be completed in 2021.

Our goal with the plan is to have 100% participation with all eligible communities within the District. In order to receive Hazard Mitigation Assistance funds from FEMA, a community must be included in an approved plan. We will hold public meetings in each county to gather information from the communities in the District to determine the types of hazards each community is likely to face.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan addresses potential losses due to agricultural hazards, dam/levee failure, drought, earthquakes, flooding, severe winter storms, tornadoes & high winds, wildfires, and other hazards identified by participating communities. The plan will also include potential projects to reduce damages and losses due to identified hazards.

As part of the process to be included in the plan, each community must adopt the following resolution to participate:

“Whereas, a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies the vulnerability of public bodies to natural hazards and the projects that can be implemented to reduce or eliminate vulnerability exposure, and

Whereas, FEMA now requires that a public entity must have a current Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in place before they are eligible for Federal funding for hazard mitigation projects and mitigation efforts resulting from natural disasters, and

Whereas, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resource District is proposing to serve as the coordinating agency for the development of a multi-jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for a six-county area including all of Sarpy, Douglas, Washington, and Dakota Counties as well as parts of Burt and Thurston Counties and all associated local governmental entities,

Therefore, be it resolved the *Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District* hereby approves participation in the proposed Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning process described above, and pledges to attend required meetings and participate in those activities necessary to complete an effective plan for the public we serve.”

Public meetings will be held later in 2020 to present risk analysis results and work with communities and stakeholders to determine the types of mitigation projects to include in the HMP. It is anticipated that the draft plan will be completed in late 2020. The plan will be available for public review and comment prior to submission to NEMA and FEMA for final review. Once approved by FEMA, each participating community will be required to formally adopt the plan.

Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the resolution be adopted.