

Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee
Re: Resolution for Participation in the District's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
Date: December 8, 2009
From: Lori Ann Laster, Stormwater Management Engineer

In February, the District received a Hazard Mitigation Grant from FEMA in order to complete an update of the District's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The current plan was completed in 2006 and FEMA requires that the plan be updated every five years. In June, a professional services contract with Olsson Associates was approved to begin the update of the plan, which must be completed in 2011.

Our goal with the plan is to have 100% participation with all eligible communities within the District. In order to receive Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds from FEMA, a community must be included in an approved plan. We have completed the first round of public meetings, during which we gathered information from the communities in the District to determine the types of mitigation projects that should be included in the plan.

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.

It is anticipated that the draft plan will be completed in the spring/summer of 2010. At that time, another round of public meetings will be held to present the plan and to gain feedback to be included in the final draft.

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