Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee
From: Lori Ann Laster, Stormwater Management Engineer
Date: July 5, 2011
Re: Resolution to Adopt the District’s Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

The District first adopted a multi-hazard mitigation plan in 2006. FEMA requires that the plans be updated every 5 years. Over the past two years, District staff and Olsson Associates have been working to update the District’s plan. In November 2010, the draft plan was presented to the Board of Directors and the public. The draft plan was submitted to FEMA in January 2011 and approved in February 2011. However, FEMA's approval is contingent upon adoption of the plan by the Board of Directors. In order to comply with FEMA requirements for this plan, it must be adopted prior to September 2011.

The plan that was submitted to and approved by FEMA can be found at the following website: http://www.oaprojects.com/papionrd_hazard/.

Following is the resolution to adopt the Plan:

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, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) now requires that a public entity must have a current Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in order for the entity to be eligible for Federal funding from FEMA under several of its hazard mitigation grant programs and in order to receive post-disaster public assistance grants from FEMA; and

Whereas, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resource District coordinated and developed its first All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in 2006; and

Whereas, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resource District served as the coordinating agency for the development of a multi-jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to serve as the update to the 2006 All-Hazards 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; and

Whereas, the planning process afforded the local units of government and its citizens the opportunity to comment and provide input in the plan and actions recommended in the plan; and
Whereas, FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District in the form of this resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District hereby approves and adopts the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in its entirety, in the form as proposed and presented to this meeting and reflected in the permanent files of the District, hereby resolves to execute the plan as proposed and hereby requests approval of the plan by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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