



DATE: June 7, 2006  
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
FROM: Fire Department  
SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution adopting the San Diego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**BACKGROUND**

Federal legislation has historically provided funding for disaster relief, recovery, and some hazard mitigation planning. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) is the latest legislation to improve the planning process (Public Law 106-390). The new legislation reinforces the importance of mitigation planning and emphasizes planning for disasters before they occur. As such, DMA 2000 establishes a pre-disaster hazard mitigation program and new requirements for the national post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

Section 322 of DMA 2000 specifically addresses mitigation planning at the state and local levels. It identifies new requirements that allow HMGP funds to be used for planning activities, and increases the amount of HMGP funds available to states that have developed a comprehensive, enhanced mitigation plan prior to a disaster. States and communities must have an approved mitigation plan in place prior to receiving post-disaster HMGP funds.

**ANALYSIS**

This Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for San Diego County was prepared with input from county residents, responsible officials, URS Corporation consultants, and with the support of the State of California Office of Emergency Services and Security (COESS), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The process to develop the Plan included nearly a year of coordination with representatives for all of the jurisdictions in the County. This plan will guide the City of Oceanside toward greater disaster resistance in harmony with the character and needs of the community.

The Plan is intended to serve many purposes, including:

- Enhance public awareness and understanding
- Create a decision tool for management
- Promote compliance with State and Federal program requirements
- Enhance local policies for hazard mitigation capability
- Provide inter-jurisdictional coordination
- Achieve regulatory compliance

The final document is available for review at the following locations: City Manager's Office, City Clerk's Office, and Fire Department Administration.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No immediate fiscal impact. The standing Development Review Committee will provide a continuous Plan review in preparation for Plan updates every five (5) years. Potential future costs may be associated with oversight of mitigation plans proposed by City Staff and approved by the City Council. City Council approval of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan will ensure that the City of Oceanside remains eligible for HMGP pre- and post-disaster funding.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution adopting the San Diego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
3 OCEANSIDE TO ADOPT THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY MULTI-  
4 JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

5 WHEREAS, across the United States, natural and manmade disasters have led to  
6 increasing levels of death, injury, property damage, and interruption of business and  
7 government services;

8 WHEREAS, a San Diego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)  
9 has been developed after more than one year of research and work by the County of San Diego  
10 and eighteen (18) Cities in the county;

11 WHEREAS, the HMP recommends many hazard mitigation actions that will protect the  
12 people and property affected by the natural and manmade hazards that face San Diego County;

13 WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) reinforces the importance  
14 of mitigation planning and emphasizes planning for disasters before they occur;

15 WHEREAS, the DMA 2000 establishes a pre-disaster hazard mitigation program and  
16 new requirements for the national post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); and

17 WHEREAS, Section 322 of the DMA 2000 mandates that States and communities must  
18 have an approved mitigation plan in place prior to receiving post-disaster HMGP funds.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

20 The City of Oceanside will adopt the San Diego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard  
21 Mitigation Plan which will guide the City toward greater disaster resistance, and remain eligible  
22 for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program pre-disaster and post-disaster funding.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,  
2 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, by the following vote:

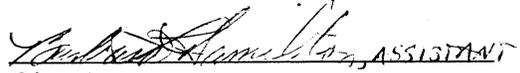
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10 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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