

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 1**

**SUBJECT: INCORPORATING THE CURRENT SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN INTO THE  
SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO'S GENERAL PLAN  
AND CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Passed in 2006, Assembly Bill No. 2140 (AB 2140) allows California counties to be considered for additional State cost-share reimbursement on eligible Public Assistance projects by adopting or incorporating their current, FEMA-approved local hazard mitigation plans by reference into the safety element of their general plan. Adopting a local hazard mitigation plan, along with other requirements, makes the County of San Diego (County) eligible to be reimbursed by the state for part or all local-share costs on eligible Public Assistance projects through the California Disaster Assistance Act. For eligible Public Assistance projects, the typical local (non-federal) cost share is 25% of the total project cost.

On February 7, 2023 (17), the County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted the San Diego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP). One of the purposes of the MJHMP is to incorporate the policies, plans, programs, and resources referenced into the County's General Plan Safety Element. The County's MJHMP includes the County, special districts, and all 18 cities within San Diego County. It identifies risks and ways to minimize damage from natural and human-caused disasters. The Safety Element and the MJHMP work together to achieve the goal of hazard risk reduction.

Today's recommended actions are to approve a resolution recognizing that the Safety Element of the County's General Plan adequately and fully meets the intent of AB 2140 and includes the necessary reference to the current (2023) FEMA-approved San Diego County MJHMP.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Adopt the Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO INCORPORATING THE CURRENT SAN DIEGO COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (MJHMP) INTO THE SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO'S GENERAL PLAN.
2. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Safety Element of the County of San Diego's General Plan contains goals and policies that seek to minimize risks to known natural and human-caused hazards in overburdened and underserved communities. Implementing programs and actions based on the goals and policies within the Safety Element will continue to create positive impacts on persons experiencing homelessness, low-income

communities, communities of color, communities in high hazard risk areas, persons with disabilities, and communities disproportionately affected by natural and human-caused hazards.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Both the Safety Element of the County of San Diego's General Plan and the San Diego County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) address sustainability impacts from natural and human-caused hazards by identifying policies and mitigation actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk. Incorporating the 2023 FEMA-approved MJHMP into the Safety Element of the County of San Diego's General Plan will contribute to achieving the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal to invest in building resilience in vulnerable populations in partnership with communities. This will be accomplished by making the County eligible to be reimbursed by the state for part or all local-share costs on eligible Public Assistance projects for recovery activities after hazard events. Public Assistance projects play a crucial role in helping communities recover from disasters by providing financial assistance for the repair, replacement, and mitigation of damaged infrastructure and facilities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 24-087, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO INCORPORATING THE CURRENT SAN DIEGO COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN INTO THE SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO'S GENERAL PLAN.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: Vargas

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
**by** Andrew Potter

