



## Report to City Council

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**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Angelica Frausto-Lupo, Community Development Director

**AGENDA DATE:** June 17, 2025

**TITLE:** ADOPTION OF THE 2022-2023 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (LHMP) AND INCORPORATION INTO THE SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE 2006 GENERAL PLAN (GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT PEN25-0066) (REPORT OF: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) (DISTRICT: ALL DISTRICTS)

**TITLE SUMMARY:** Adopting The City Of Moreno Valley Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2022-2023) Into The Safety Element Of The General Plan.

**DISTRICT:** All Districts

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### **Recommendation(s)**

That the City Council:

1. ADOPT Resolution No. 2025-XX: a) adopting the City of Moreno Valley Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2022-2023), and b) incorporating by reference the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Safety Element of the 2006 City of Moreno Valley General Plan.

### **SUMMARY**

Local hazard mitigation planning is the process of assessing vulnerabilities, measuring risk, identifying strategies for risk reductions, and assigning responsible parties to carry out appropriate actions. This initiative involves a comprehensive study of multiple hazards that could impact the City including natural, human-caused, and technological hazards.

The planning process requires a number of stakeholders, including members of the public, coming together in a collaborative effort to reach the common objective of managing disaster-related risks.

A Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is the output of this planning process and serves as the City's long-term roadmap for community resiliency after a disaster. The City is responsible for preparing, adopting, maintaining, and updating, a LHMP, once it has been reviewed by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Additionally, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires the City to have an approved LHMP to be eligible to apply for and receive FEMA hazard mitigation funds. Once the City adopts a LHMP, FEMA requires that the LHMP be updated every five years.

The City of Moreno Valley previously adopted the LHMP, but it was not incorporated into the general plan at that time. Incorporation of the LHMP into the 2006 General Plan ensures the City's eligibility for grant funding and cost sharing agreements with CAL OES.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Planning Commission Recommendation**

At its May 22, 2025, meeting, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing and voted 6-0 (1 absent) to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 2025-09 recommending that the City Council adopt the LHMP and incorporate the LHMP into the Safety Element of the 2006 General Plan through approval of General Plan Amendment PEN25-0066.

The City prepared its 2022 LHMP in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and FEMA regulations set forth in 44 CFR Part 201. The LHMP was developed under the leadership of the City's Office of Emergency Management (OEM), which coordinated a citywide LHMP Planning Team composed of representatives from various City departments, including Planning, Public Works, Fire, and Police. The planning effort began in June 2022 and involved a comprehensive review and update of the 2017 LHMP. The process included internal collaboration among subject matter experts to evaluate hazards, update mitigation strategies, and ensure alignment with City policies and the General Plan, within the City's regulatory frameworks.

### **Public Outreach and Participation**

Public involvement was a critical component of the LHMP update. Outreach efforts included creating a dedicated LHMP webpage for ongoing public comment, conducting community presentations, and hosting two public feedback meetings in October 2022. The City also integrated LHMP discussions into its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainings and presentations to stakeholder groups such as the Chamber of Commerce and senior residents. Materials were provided in English, Spanish, and American Sign Language to ensure broad accessibility. The draft LHMP was posted online in February 2023, and comments were solicited through city facilities, social media, and direct outreach.

### Key Findings of the LHMP

The LHMP identifies 17 natural and human-caused hazards that could impact Moreno Valley, including earthquakes, wildfires, flooding, drought, and hazardous materials incidents. Earthquake and power outages were rated with the highest severity and probability. The plan provides a detailed risk assessment, identifies vulnerable populations and critical facilities, and outlines a prioritized list of mitigation strategies to reduce long-term risk. These strategies include infrastructure hardening, public education initiatives, and improved coordination among local and regional partners. The LHMP supports integration with other planning tools and ensures that the City remains eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation funding.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the adoption of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) qualifies for the common-sense exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which applies where it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment. The LHMP is a planning document that identifies potential hazards and outlines strategies to reduce risk; it does not authorize or approve any specific development or physical improvements. As such, the adoption of the LHMP does not have the potential to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Any future projects identified in the plan would be subject to separate environmental review, if applicable.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Approve the Resolution as recommended by the Planning Commission to ensure continued eligibility for grant funding and cost sharing agreements with the state. (*Staff recommends this alternative*).
2. Do not approve the Resolution which will jeopardize the City continued eligibility for grant funding and cost sharing agreements with the state. (*Staff does not recommend this alternative*).
3. Approve the Resolution as recommended by the Planning Commission with modifications. (*Staff does not recommend this alternative*).

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Incorporation of the LHMP into the 2006 General Plan enables the city's eligibility for grant funds and cost sharing agreements with the state in the event of disasters.

### **NOTIFICATION**

The proposed General Plan Amendment (PEN25-0066) is City-wide. As such, the public hearing notice for the proposed General Plan Amendment was published in the Press-Enterprise Newspaper on June 6, 2025.

## **PREPARATION OF STAFF REPORT**

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## **CITY COUNCIL GOALS**

Community Image, Neighborhood Pride and Cleanliness: Promote a sense of community pride and foster an excellent image about our City by developing and executing programs which will result in quality development, enhanced neighborhood preservation efforts, including home rehabilitation and neighborhood restoration.

Positive Environment: Create a positive environment for the development of Moreno Valley's future.

## **CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

- 1. Economic Development**
- 2. Public Safety**
- 3. Library**
- 4. Infrastructure**
- 5. Beautification, Community Engagement, and Quality of Life**
- 6. Youth Programs**

## Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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