



## Staff Report

February 20, 2024, Council Workshop Meeting

Consider Accepting All of Updated Volume 1 and the Introduction, Appendices, and the Updated City's Portion of Volume 2 of the Clark Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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Time Estimate: 10 minutes

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**BACKGROUND:** In 2004, Clark County and a partnership of local governments within the County, led by Clark Regional Emergency Management Services (CRESA), developed a countywide hazard mitigation plan to reduce risks from natural disasters. The result of this effort was a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved multi-jurisdictional, multi-hazard mitigation plan (a.k.a Clark Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan – CRNHMP) that met federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) and established eligibility for hazard mitigation project funding under the unified hazard mitigation assistance grant program, which provides pre- and post-disaster grant funding opportunities.

Federal regulations require periodic updates to hazard mitigation plans. Accordingly, in 2017, a comprehensive update to the initial CRNHMP was adopted by each jurisdictional planning partner, including the City of Camas, and subsequently approved by FEMA.

The current update was enacted in 2022 to build upon the previous comprehensive update. However, the plan update was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which limited the planning partner's available time and staffing to work on the update. Therefore, the current update was minimal and focused on updating the hazard analysis with updated/new information and data including the jurisdictional annexes.

**SUMMARY:** Additional information will be presented during the meeting.

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** Upon City adoption of the updated CRNHMP, federal grant mitigation assistance funding will be made available that can be used to implement the long-term hazard mitigation measures specified within the City's annex of the CRNHMP before and after a major disaster declaration. The CRNHMP is considered a living document such that, as awareness of additional hazards develops and new strategies and projects are conceived to offset or prevent losses due to natural disasters, the CRNHMP will be evaluated and revised on a continual 5-year time frame for grant funding assistance eligibility.

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** Natural hazards will continue to impact residents, property, the environment, and the economy. As a result, ongoing analysis of recommended mitigation strategies is necessary in response to mitigating the impacts of those natural hazards.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** An adopted hazard mitigation plan secures the eligibility for hazard mitigation project funding under the unified hazard mitigation assistance federal grant programs. There is no budget impact with the adoption of this plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that Council consider adoption of a resolution of all of Volume 1 and the Introduction, Appendices and the City's portion of Volume 2 of the Clark Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan at the March 4, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.