



## Staff Report

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Resolution 24-004 Clark Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

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Time Estimate: 5 minutes

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**BACKGROUND:** The City of Camas is part of a Clark County partnership led by Clark Regional Emergency Management Services (CRESA) that takes part in a countywide hazard mitigation plan to reduce risks from natural disasters. Federal regulations require periodic updates to hazard mitigation plans. The current update to the Clark Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (CRNHMP) was enacted in 2022 and focused on updating the hazard analysis with updated/new information and data including the jurisdictional annexes. Staff presented the proposed update to Council at the February 20, 2024 workshop meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The update must be adopted by each jurisdictional partner in Clark County, including the City of Camas, prior to final approval by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Adoption makes federal grant mitigation assistance funding available to the City of Camas 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.

**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 Council move to adopt Resolution No. 24-004.