

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: February 24, 2022

From: Public Works Department

Subject: Informational Presentation on 2020 City of Capitola Local Hazard Mitigation Plan


Background: A Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is a planning document that is intended to reduce the risks associated with natural and manmade disasters such as earthquakes and fire storms. An LHMP identifies and ranks types of disasters that may occur, identifies critical infrastructure and facilities, and establishes a set of ratings and strategies intended to address and mitigate the risks. An LHMP is required by FEMA for agencies to qualify for funding to mitigate risks.

The first Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Capitola was prepared in 2013. Preparation of this plan included the formation of a Technical Advisory Committee that included twelve local and regional agencies with either critical facilities within Capitola or first and second responders to disasters. As required by FEMA the LHMP was updated in 2020. The update focused on identifying the impacts of sea level rise and strategies to identify best practices for mitigating these risks.

Discussion: The LHMP identifies critical facilities located throughout the city and what hazards could impact these facilities. Based on this information, the facilities at the greatest risk of damage were identified.

The LHMP concludes with a list of Hazard Mitigation Actions for the City to plan and implement to reduce risks in the community. The mitigation actions detail improvements or programs to address a given hazard and prioritizes the action based on the threat to the facility, likelihood of significant damage, and repair/replacement costs. The list of mitigation actions is included as Attachment 1.

The entire LHMP is several hundred pages long and is not included as an attachment. The document can be viewed on the City's website by searching LHMP or going to the Resources and Documents page under the Community Development Department. A link to the document and QR code is also provided here:

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|  | www.cityofcapitola.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_development/page/2484/capitola_lhmp_2020_july_2020.pdf |