

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA, ADOPTING THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN INTO THE SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 2140.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Coachella, recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, an adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre and post disaster mitigation grant programs; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2024, the City of Coachella, adopted a LHMP and this adoption demonstrates the jurisdiction's commitment of fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives as outlined in its LHMP; and

WHEREAS, the California Office of Emergency Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX officials have reviewed and approved the City of Coachella's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the City Council demonstrates the jurisdiction's commitment of fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in its LHMP and legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan; and

WHEREAS, local jurisdiction reimbursement for mitigation projects and cost recovery after a disaster is guided by Government Code Section 8685.9 (Assembly Bill 2140); and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the state adopted Assembly Bill (AB) 2140 which added provisions specifying what is to be included in a LHMP and requiring a linkage between a local jurisdiction's LHMP and the Safety Element of their General Plan; and

WHEREAS, AB 2140 requires a jurisdiction to adopt the LHMP into the Safety Element of the General Plan in order to be fully eligible for disaster relief funding under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council adopts its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A by reference into the safety element of the general plan in accordance with the requirements of AB 2140; and
2. The City will submit this adoption resolution to the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA Region IX officials to establish conformance with the requirements of AB 2140.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Coachella on the 14th day of May 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Steven Hernandez, Mayor
City of Coachella

ATTEST:

Angela M. Zepeda, City Clerk
City of Coachella

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos L. Campos, City Attorney
City of Coachella

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE)
CITY OF COACHELLA)

I, Angela M. Zepeda, City Clerk of the City of Coachella, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-19 adopted by the City Council of the City of Coachella at a regular meeting therefore duly held and convened on the 14th day of May, 2025.

Angela M. Zepeda, City Clerk