



**STAFF REPORT**  
**7/23/2025**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Kendra Reif, Community Development Director

**SUBJECT:** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-40 Recognizing the Adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) into the Safety Element of the General Plan as Required By Assembly Bill No. 2140.

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**Staff Recommendation:**

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-40 recognizing the city adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) into the Safety Element of the General Plan as required by Assembly Bill No. 2140.

**Background:**

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2000) established a national program for pre-disaster mitigation, which provides federal funding for projects that are not dependent on a presidential disaster declaration and streamlines the administration of disaster relief. To be eligible for federal disaster relief, DMA2000 requires local agencies to conduct a disaster mitigation planning process that includes a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The LHMP for the City was developed in accordance with the DMA 2000 and followed FEMA's 2011 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan guidance. The LHMP incorporates a process where hazards are identified and profiled, the people and facilities at risk are analyzed and mitigation actions are developed to reduce or eliminate hazard risk. The implementation of these mitigation actions, which include both short and long-term strategies.

On February 28, 2024, the LHMP was adopted and approved by the City Council. Cal OES and FEMA recently included new language allowing for compliance with Assembly Bill No. 2140 (AB 2140). AB 2140 is a state incentive that allows California counties and cities to adopt their current LHMPs into the Safety Element of the General Plans. Passed in 2006, Assembly Bill No. 2140 (AB 2140) allows California counties and cities to be considered for additional state cost share on eligible Public Assistance projects by adopting their current, FEMA-approved local hazard mitigation plans (LHMPs) into the Safety Element of their General Plan. This adoption, along with other requirements, makes the county or city eligible to be considered for part or all of its local-share costs on eligible Public Assistance projects to be provided by the state through the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA). AB 2140 compliance is not a requirement; however, if the city is compliant, it is eligible to be considered for an up to an additional 6.25% local share

to be funded by the state, essentially covering the entire local-share cost for eligible Public Assistance projects in the future

On May 14, 2025, the City Council adopted the LHMP into the Safety Element of the General Plan in accordance with the requirements of Assembly Bill 2140. Staff has worked to amend the Coachella General Plan 2035 Safety Element language to include the adopted LHMP.

**Discussion/Analysis:**

The Safety Element of the General Plan will include the newly adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). AB 2140 also requires language specific to the County of Riverside's Multi-Judicial Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJLHMP). Updated language in the Safety Element of the City's General Plan will be made to the Goals and Policies Section (Goal 8 – Disaster Preparedness) in relation to LHMP that is specific to the MJLHMP. The updated language can be found in Attachment 2.

The City will also include a weblink to the City's adopted LHMP, directing readers to the document as required by AB 2140. The amendments made to the Safety Element of the General Plan will comply with AB 2140 requirements.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution No. 2025-40  
Exhibit A - City Adopted LHMP
2. General Plan Safety Element Amendments