



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 27, 2025

PRESENTER: John Jansons, City Manager

SUBJECT: Updated Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (JAJ)

RECOMMENDATION: Council by motion adopt a resolution approving the updated Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

DISCUSSION:

The County of Fresno has requested that each jurisdiction in the County consider adopting a Resolution demonstrating their participation in and support for recently updated and approved Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The County of Fresno initially adopted this Plan on December 1, 2009, and later approved an update on April 23, 2019. The County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) managed the Plan's development in coordination with the consultant Witt O'Brien's LLC. The process included participation from various County departments, cities (including Kerman), and special districts. Public input was sought through public surveys, public forums, and meetings.

Key highlights of the latest update to the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan include:

- Reflects updated hazard profiles, including recent disaster data (e.g., wildfires, droughts, flooding, and extreme heat events between 2018-2023).
- Includes new mitigation projects aimed at addressing emerging threats such as public safety power shutoffs (PSPS), extreme heat, and critical infrastructure vulnerabilities.
- Updates risk assessments using revised FEMA tools, current GIS data, and more detailed vulnerability analysis.
- Integrates recent land use and development trends to support more informed planning and mitigation prioritization.
- Expands jurisdictional participation to include updated annexes from cities, special districts, and agencies that reflect localized hazard mitigation strategies.
- Ensures ongoing eligibility for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs and full CDAA reimbursement by meeting AB 2140 requirements.

Both California OES and FEMA have conditionally approved the updated Plan, pending formal adoption by each jurisdiction's governing body for final approval.

Mitigation plans form the backbone of a community's strategy to minimize disaster losses and disrupt the cycle of damage, reconstruction, and repeated harm. Investing in mitigation ensures future community safety and sustainability.

Mitigation's primary goals are to safeguard public safety, prevent loss of life and injuries, protect existing and future developments, preserve a community's economic, cultural, and environmental assets, reduce downtime for government and businesses post-disaster, and lower the costs and risks associated with disaster response and recovery.

Throughout the planning process, County staff and local jurisdictions identified past and potential future disasters in the County, leading to the creation of mitigation projects aimed at reducing the impact of the most significant potential disasters.

City Council approval will provide enhanced emergency management services to Kerman and further solidify its strong partnership with the County of Fresno.

Due to the size (1,462 pages) of the Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, a link is provided here: [24-0521 - 2024 Fresno County Mitigation Plan](#) to serve as **Exhibit 'A'** to the Resolution (**Attachment 'A'**).

ALTERNATIVES:

There is no viable alternative action. The Plan must be updated to allow the County and City to remain eligible for pre-disaster mitigation funding and enhanced California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) reimbursement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City to approve its support for and participation with the updated Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Without an adopted Plan, in the event of a disaster the County /City will not be eligible for possible additional CDAA funding.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution w/Exhibit ([24-0521 - 2024 Fresno County Mitigation Plan](#))
- B. Fresno County Resolution
- C. Email Request from Fresno County

RESOLUTION NO. 25-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN APPROVING
THE UPDATED COUNTY OF FRESNO COUNTY MULTI-JURISTICTIONAL LOCAL HAZARD
MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, various natural and man-made hazards, such as flood, fire, earthquake, technology disasters, or terrorism have the potential for causing devastating harm and loss of life and property to the citizens of the County of Fresno and Kerman will continue to do so; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of hazard mitigation policies and strategies can protect the citizens and significantly reduce the loss of life and property from these hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan) has been developed to ensure proactive mitigation policies and actions that help reduce risk and create safer, resilient communities, including Kerman, within Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the County has now updated the Plan to comply with State and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements and the updated Plan supersedes the 2019 Fresno County Plan or any prior plan; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Fresno County from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, local governments, including Kerman, without a State and Federal approved Plan will not be eligible to receive future mitigation project funding awarded through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant programs (PDM); and

WHEREAS, by planning, preparing, and adopting a Plan, the County of Fresno is taking a proactive all-hazards planning approach to reduce and/or eliminate the impacts of hazards before they occur, and incorporates and complies with the principles and requirements found in laws, regulations, and guidelines of Federal, State codes, and the Fresno County Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, State and FEMA have both reviewed and independently approved the Fresno County Plan preliminarily, with formal approval and adoption of the plan by the Board of Supervisors having occurred on June 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been updated to meet Federal and State requirements that the Plan is complete, and hereafter the plan will be updated by the Emergency Services Director as necessary to meet changing conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors gives its full support to the updated Plan and urges all officials, employees, public and private organizations, and citizens, individually and collectively, to do their share in furthering the total planning effort of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kerman:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by reference.
2. The City Council approves the updated Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan found in **Exhibit 'A': [24-0521 - 2024 Fresno County Mitigation Plan](#)** and incorporated by reference.
3. The City Council appreciates the County's leadership in this planning process and for including Kerman in the Local Hazard Mitigation plan.
4. The City Council will continue to actively support and participate in Local Hazard Mitigation efforts.
5. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Kerman at a regular meeting held on the 27th day of August 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby approved.

Maria Pacheco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Josie Camacho
City Clerk