

# CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – City Council



<b>Meeting Date:</b>	January 18, 2022	
<b>Name of Agenda Item:</b>	Resolution No. 1045 – Adopting an Updated Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan	
<b>Section of Agenda:</b>	Consent	
<b>Department:</b>	Public Works	
<b>Council Committee Review:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
	<b>Legal Review:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required	
<b>Attachments:</b>		
Resolution No. 1045		
<b>Summary Statement:</b>		
<p>The Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP or “Plan”) is a countywide plan managed by Whatcom County Sheriff Office’s Division of Emergency Management. The plan must be updated every five years and approved by FEMA to remain eligible for federal funding for hazard mitigation projects.</p> <p>The purpose of the Plan is to identify the types of natural hazards that impact a jurisdiction, assess each jurisdiction’s vulnerability to those hazards, and to formulate mitigation strategies that will lessen the severity of natural disasters by protecting human life and property.</p> <p>The Plan encompasses multiple jurisdictions in Whatcom County including the City of Lynden, Whatcom County, the other six incorporated cities within the county, a fire district, a school district, a flood control district, a water and sewer district, and the Port of Bellingham.</p> <p>The last planning update took place in 2021 and was submitted to FEMA in June 2021. The 2016 Plan and 2021 proposed revised Plan are available to be viewed online in their entirety on <a href="#">Whatcom County’s website</a>.</p> <p>The City of Lynden’s portion of the plan includes specific mitigation measures for a variety of potential hazards including earthquakes, flooding, severe winter weather and windstorms. While the plan lists measures that might be implemented, it does not require implementation of the measures. These are strategies that could be implemented if funding and time to achieve a mitigation measure are available.</p>		
<b>Recommended Action:</b>		
That City Council approve Resolution No. 1045 – Adopting an Updated Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan and authorize the Mayor’s signature on the Resolution.		