



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 16, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Lisa Lozier, City Planner

SUBJECT: **General Plan Amendment GPA#2025-01: (Action)**
Review General Plan Amendment (GPA#2025-01) for adoption and incorporation of the updated Glenn County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 into the Safety Element of the City of Orland General Plan by reference.

BACKGROUND:

The proposed General Plan Amendment (GPA) 2025-01 is to amend the City of Orland General Plan to include the updated Glenn County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025. The Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan update was submitted for review by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). CalOES and FEMA have conditionally approved the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan, pending adoption and approval by the City of Orland City Council.

The proposed General Plan Amendment will integrate with the existing Safety Element of the General Plan. The project does not directly involve revisions to the environment and therefore will not be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the City of Orland. Therefore, staff proposes that the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 be recommended for approval and adoption by reference into the General Plan.

Assembly Bill (AB) 2140 authorizes a city or county to adopt within its safety element a hazard mitigation plan. The state share for projects eligible under the California Disaster Assistance Act, is limited unless a local jurisdiction has adopted a local hazard mitigation plan in accordance with the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act as part of its safety element.

In order for City of Orland to comply with AB 2140, the City Council must adopt a resolution integrating the updated Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 into the safety element of the General Plan. The proposed approval and adoption of the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 recognizes The City of Orland's commitment to reducing the impacts of natural hazards.

ANALYSIS:

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detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity. Therefore, staff proposes that the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 be recommended for approval and adoption by reference into the General Plan.

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT:

General Plan Safety Element: CalOES, via AB 2140 requires an amendment to the General Plan in order to integrate the Glenn County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 update into the Safety Element of the City of Orland General Plan.

Summary Of Amendment Process: General plan amendment procedures are similar to the General Plan adoption process, at least one public hearing is required before both the Planning Commission and the City Council. An environmental finding must be prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The Planning Commission's approval or denial of a general plan amendment is forwarded as a recommendation to the City Council, which makes the final decision to approve or deny the requested amendment.

General Plan Consistency: This proposal to amend the City of Orland General Plan to include and implement the Glenn County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 can be considered consistent with the General Plan for City of Orland as it is an update to the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by City Council on January 7, 2019.

General Plan, Safety Element: The safety element establishes policies and programs to protect the community from risks associated with seismic, geologic, flood, and fire hazards. The Safety Element of the General Plan addresses topics related to public health and safety: law enforcement, fire hazards and fire protection, geologic hazards, air quality, flooding, water quality, noise, and solid and hazardous waste. The focus is on the impact natural and human-created hazards may have on development and future population, and on programs and ways to direct, enhance and serve development to be safe and cost-effective.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION/SUMMARY:

At the regular meeting of the Planning Commission on August 21, 2025, the Planning Commission conducted a noticed Public Hearing to review and consider a recommendation to the City Council for adoption of the Glenn County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard mitigation Plan and incorporation of the plan as an amendment by reference into the City of Orland, General Plan Safety Element. Following the conduct of the public hearing and after considering public input, the Planning Commission voted unanimously by a vote of 4-0 to recommend to the City Council adoption of the Glenn County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 as submitted to the City Council. **ATTACHMENT B:** Signed Planning Commission Resolution 2025-05

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The City of Orland, acting as the Lead Agency for the project pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), This project will result in no Potentially Significant Impacts to the environment and is considered exempt from environmental review as required by CEQA through the use of the "General Rule" Section 15061(b) (3) that is applied to proposals, which will have no potential adverse impact on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:

Adoption of the Glenn County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard mitigation Plan and incorporation of the plan as an amendment to the City of Orland, General Plan Safety Element will not have an impact on the City's General Fund operating budget as a result of this action.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council of the City of Orland hold a Public Hearing and take the following action:
Adopt General Plan Amendment 2025-01, hereby amending the City of Orland General Plan Safety Element to include the Glenn County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 update and find that General Plan Amendment (GPA 2025-01) is exempt from environmental review as required by CEQA by the “General Rule” Section 15061(b) (3) that is applied to proposals, which will have no potential adverse impact on the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – City Council Resolution 2025-XX

Attachment B – Signed Planning Commission Resolution 2025-05

Attachment C – Assembly Bill 2140 (AB 2140) Fact Sheet

Attachment D - Glenn County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025: available at the following link on the City Website: www.cityoforland.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Glenn-County-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan-Update-2025-draft-to-be-adopted.pdf