



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 21, 2025

TO: City of Orland Planning Commission

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SUBJECT: **General Plan Amendment GPA#2024-01:** Review and Recommendation to adopt and incorporate the updated Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 into the Safety Element of the City of Orland General Plan: The proposed General Plan Amendment (GPA) 2025-01 is intended to amend the City of Orland General Plan by including an update to the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) prepared in conjunction Glenn County.

Environmental Review: The proposal action is 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.

Summary:

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.

Additionally, 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

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Mitigation Plan 2025 recognizes The City of Orland's commitment to reducing the impacts of natural hazards.

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 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.

A Planning Commission Resolution is provided for signature by the Chair and will be forwarded to the City Council as a recommendation by the Commission.

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 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.

Environmental determination:

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.

FINDINGS:

Finding for General Plan Amendment

City of Orland is vulnerable to natural hazards that may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety. The Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by natural hazards. Therefore, it is in the public interest to approve the proposal.

Finding for Notice of Exemptions

The amending of the General plan will not result in any on the ground activity without additional environmental review. Therefore, the project is 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in consideration of recommending that the City Council of the City of Orland take the following actions:

- (A) Adopt the Glenn County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 update as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the County.
- (B) Approve General Plan Amendment 2025-01, thereby amending the County General Plan Safety Element to include the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 update.
- (C) Find that the proposal is 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.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A – Planning Commission Resolution PC 2025-
- Attachment B– Glen County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025: available at the following link on the City Website:

<https://www.cityoforland.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Glenn-County-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan-Update-2025-draft-to-be-adopted.pdf>

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