



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: City Council
Meeting Date: July 15, 2024
From: Jeff Aprati, Deputy City Manager
Subject: Resolution 2024-16: Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2024

DECISION TO BE MADE:

Whether to adopt Resolution 2024-16, approving Sandy's addendum to Clackamas County's 2024 update to the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

Clackamas County updates its Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP) every five years. The NHMP consists of a general county-wide plan as well as addenda specific to all cities and special districts in the county. Key elements of the plan include a hazard vulnerability assessment, identification of community assets and essential facilities, and strategic action items developed to mitigate future hazard impacts.

Sandy first adopted an addendum to Clackamas County's NHMP in 2009; it has been updated twice since, most recently in 2019. A team of City staff members led this new effort to update Sandy's addendum for the 2024 NHMP. The team included the Deputy City Manager, Police Chief, Public Works Director, Development Services Director, Transit Director, and Assistant Public Works Director.

The majority of Sandy's update work occurred in mid-2023. In December 2023, staff provided the Council with a draft of the updated plan; several comments were provided and many of the suggestions were incorporated into the document. The plan was also posted by the City for public comment earlier this year, however no public comments were received.

Since February 2024 the NHMP has been working its way through County, State, and Federal approval processes. In June 2024 the City was notified that the 2024 NHMP has received approval from FEMA, pending adoption by local jurisdictions.

As stated on page 3 of the attached plan, "the NHMP is strategic and non-regulatory in nature, meaning that it does not necessarily set forth any new policy. It does, however, provide: (1) a foundation for coordination and collaboration among agencies and the public in the city; (2) identification and prioritization of future mitigation activities; and (3) aid in meeting federal planning requirements and qualifying for assistance programs."

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

Sandy's 2024 NHMP addendum makes several changes compared to the 2019 version. The hazard assessment has been updated to reflect the City's new understanding of our vulnerability to drought due to the needs that have been identified in our drinking water system. The threat of wildfire has also received new emphasis as a result of the impacts seen in recent years. Redundant action items have been eliminated while new actions have been added (notably, implementation of Sandy's water and wastewater master plans has been included as actions, thus making these projects eligible for FEMA mitigation grant funding).

The Clackamas County NHMP, and the Sandy-specific addendum, are the result of a collaborative effort between residents, public agencies, non-profit organizations, the private sector, and regional organizations. Sandy's plan works in conjunction with other plans and programs including the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, and Building Codes, as well as the Clackamas County NHMP, and the State of Oregon NHMP. The mitigation actions described in the plan are intended to be implemented through existing plans and programs within the City.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Adoption of a NHMP is a required condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs, such as the [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#) grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council adoption of Resolution 2024-16, adopting the 2024 update to the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

"I move to adopt Resolution 2024-16."

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

- Resolution 2024-16
 - City of Sandy Addendum to the 2024 Clackamas County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
- FEMA 'Approval Pending Adoption' Letter