



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: 2022 Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Adoption

Preferred Agenda: April 12, 2022

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Type of Action: Resolution X Motion Roll Call Other

Relevant Code/Policy: Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Towards Council Goal: Aspiration IV: Viable and Sustainable Essential Services; Goal 1.2 Community Awareness of Infrastructure Needs and Appropriate Planning Documents; Goal 3.2: Community Safety

Attachments: Resolution No. 12 for 2022
2022 Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to formally adopt the 2022 Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP).

Background/Context:

Federal law requires that jurisdictions maintain an approved NHMP in order to receive federal funds for mitigation projects. The NHMP was last updated in 2015 and is now expired.

This updated plan was developed through a partnership of the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), the City of Sweet Home, and the Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District. It was funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program.

Approval of this plan ensures that the City of Sweet Home will remain eligible for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grants from the Federal Government.

The Challenge/Problem:

How does the City prepare itself for natural disasters?

Stakeholders:

- Sweet Home Residents – Residents deserve resilient services that are well prepared for potential natural disasters.
- Sweet Home City Staff – City Staff work more effectively when guided by officially adopted plans.

- Sweet Home City Council – The City Council is responsible for ensuring that the City as an organization is prepared for potential disasters, and can meet the needs of its residents during an emergency.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

This project has already been completed and was funded by a federal grant and used existing staff as an in-kind match. The project has no other financial impacts to the City. If the City continues without an approved Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, the financial impact would be severe, as the City would not be eligible for pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A stable solution includes formal adoption of a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Options:

1. Do Nothing – The Council could choose to do nothing at this time. This would make the City ineligible for Federal pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding.
2. Formally adopt the 2022 Sweet Home Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan as presented – This action will keep the City in compliance with Federal law, and eligible for pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding.
3. Formally adopt the 2022 Sweet Home Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan with changes – This action will keep the City in compliance with Federal law, and eligible for pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding. However, any changes to the Plan will need to be reviewed and approved by DLCD and FEMA.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option 2: Formally adopt the 2022 Sweet Home Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan as presented.