



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Dissolution of the All Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee

Preferred Agenda: April 9, 2024

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Type of Action: Resolution Motion Roll Call Other

Relevant Code/Policy: 2022-2027 Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Towards Council Goal: Infrastructure, Be an Effective and Efficient Government, Rejuvenate Essential Services, Economic Strength

Attachments: Resolution No. 6 for 2024, 2022-2027 Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Purpose of this RCA:

To seek City Council approval to dissolve the All Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.

Background/Context:

The City of Sweet Home established the All Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (MPC) by Resolution No. 40 for 1996 to support the requirements of the Flood Mitigation Planning Process. Since then, the City of Sweet Home has adopted various hazard mitigation plans and the MPC is no longer required to support these efforts. The MPC has not convened for many years and there are sufficient staff and committee resources to accomplish the few mitigation actions assigned to the MPC in the latest 2022-2027 Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, which are primarily related to outreach and operational changes already being managed by the Public Works Department, the Community and Economic Development Department, and citizen committees with the oversight of the City Manager.

The Challenge/Problem:

The City currently recognizes and administers the possibility of the MPC convening, which is not a good use of staff time or resources. Its existence also unnecessarily duplicates efforts of existing committee members and staff.

Stakeholders:

1. **Citizens:** Citizens will benefit from staff efficiency by eliminating duplication of efforts and having clearer pathways for emergency management inputs.
2. **City Council:** City Council will not have to be concerned with committee vacancies and can work directly with more recent parties charged with hazard mitigation priorities.
3. **City Staff:** Staff can focus on the tasks of the most recent Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan without the additional layer of a committee that is no longer operational.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

There are no additional issues or financial impacts identified as a result of the dissolution of the MPC. Should the City of Sweet Home make efforts to enter the Community Rating System (CRS) under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a new committee would be required specific to flood risk.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A decision that eliminates administrative overhead and oversight while supporting existing hazard mitigation priorities.

Options:

1. Do Nothing: The MPC will continue to exist but will not be supported by staff or City Council and recruitment will not occur unless otherwise directed.
2. Amend the MPC: Direct staff to examine the committee's impact and necessity in light of other current committees and request that recruitment begin to restart the MPC.
3. Approve dissolution of the MPC: Move to approve Resolution No. 6 for 2024 authorizing the dissolution of the MPC.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Option 3: Move to approve Resolution No. 6 for 2024 authorizing the dissolution of the All Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.