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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Approve and authorize the County Floodplain Administrator or his designee, to sign and submit the Community Rating System (CRS) recertification package to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), including the CRS Activity 510 - Floodplain Management Planning Report.

Recommendation:

Approve and authorize the County Floodplain Administrator or his designee, to sign and submit the Community Rating System (CRS) recertification package sent to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), including the CRS Activity 510 - Floodplain Management Planning Report

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

The recommendations above will have no additional fiscal impact.

Discussion:

Since May 1, 2016, unincorporated Ventura County has achieved a Class 5 rating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) CRS administered by FEMA. A CRS rating reflects the extent to which a community has exceeded the NFIP's minimum standards for flood hazard mitigation and credits those efforts through flood insurance premium discounts. This Class 5 rating allows owners of floodplain properties in the unincorporated Ventura County to receive annual discounts of up to 25% on flood insurance premiums, with an estimated annual total saving of \$179,000 across 1,098 policies (data from FEMA's Insurance Services Office). To maintain this CRS rating, the Public Works Agency Director, who is the Floodplain Administrator and CRS Coordinator, must submit an annual recertification to FEMA demonstrating the County's continuing efforts to mitigate hazards and encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.



The County of Ventura adopted its first FEMA-approved Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) in 2011. As required by the CRS, the MHMP needs to be updated every five years. An updated version of the MHMP was adopted by your board in 2015 and with approval by FEMA in 2016. The MHMP, renamed by FEMA to Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP), was updated from a Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services' led effort with a consultant and multi-agency planning team in 2022. Your Board adopted the MJHMP in July 2022, and was approved by FEMA the following month.

The County submits annual progress reports on its implementation of the MJHMP recommendations to FEMA. The MJHMP 2023 Progress Report (Exhibit 1) is one of the CRS annual recertification reporting requirements for Activity 510 – Floodplain Management Planning. Staff recommends your Board approve the recommended action.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If there are any questions regarding this item, please contact the undersigned at (805) 654-2073.

Sincerely,



Jeff Pratt, P.E.
Director

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – 2023 Progress Report – Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
(CRS Activity 510)

