

INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

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To: City Council
From: City Manager Department
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Subject: **Update to Local Hazard Mitigation Plan**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **ADOPTS** Resolution adopting the 2023 update to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex to the Riverside County Operation Area Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

DISCUSSION:

Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, every local, county and state government is required to:

- 1) Conduct an assessment of the natural hazards that pose a threat to the jurisdiction;
- 2) Determine the potential financial impact of these hazards;
- 3) Create a plan to mitigate these hazards; and
- 4) Implement the plan to reduce the impacts of natural disasters.

Indian Wells' Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) aims to identify the city's hazards, review and assess past disaster occurrences, estimate the probability of future events, and set goals to mitigate potential risks to reduce or eliminate long-term risks to people and property from natural and manufactured hazards, including earthquakes, fires, floods, and terrorism.

A LHMP must be updated and approved every five years per the Disaster Mitigation Act. This plan update was prepared under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requirements to achieve eligibility and potentially secure mitigation funding through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Mitigation Assistance, Pre-Disaster Mitigation, and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs.

The City of Indian Wells' LHMP is an annex to the Riverside County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Riverside County's Emergency Management Department is the lead agency for the LHMP and began the updating process in October 2022. This included multiple stakeholder meetings, outreach efforts, and a month-long public comment period

for Indian Wells residents to review the draft plan and provide their feedback. Staff updated information for the 2023 LHMP based on feedback and insight from residents and stakeholders and submitted it to the County for review. The County approved the update and submitted it to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) who also approved the update and then submitted it to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for final review.

The LHMP has been approved by CalOES and FEMA and is now ready for City Council adoption.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
2. Resolution