

**ITEM IV-C: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT – SAFETY ELEMENT – INCORPORATING THE MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN - FILE# 2008PL-159 (GPA-000050)**

**REQUEST**

The Planning and Redevelopment Department requests approval of a General Plan Amendment to incorporate, by reference, the City's adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Safety Element of the General Plan, and to include language intended to eliminate inconsistencies or inadvertent errors.

Applicant: City of Roseville, Planning & Redevelopment Department

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning & Redevelopment Department recommends that the Planning Commission:

- A. Recommend that the City Council approve the General Plan Amendment, as shown in **Exhibits A and B**.

**SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

There are no outstanding issues associated with this request.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the General Plan Amendment is to incorporate by reference the adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. No changes to the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan are proposed and no action on the plan is required by the Planning Commission.

The City Council adopted the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan on July 20, 2005 at the conclusion of the following public process: nine months of public meetings with an ad hoc Steering Committee, an on-line survey of Roseville residents, two public workshops on natural and human-caused hazards, and a special workshop of the City Council on May 31, 2005 to discuss the Plan contents. The City also prepared a mitigated negative declaration for the Plan that was posted for public comment during the month of May 2005 and was adopted by the Council as part of the final action.

The Plan was submitted, as required by federal law, for review by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The City was notified in correspondence dated August 9, 2005 that the Plan complies with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and is approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The City of Roseville Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is available for review at [http://www.roseville.ca.us/fire/emergency\\_preparedness/multi\\_hazard\\_mitigation\\_plan.asp](http://www.roseville.ca.us/fire/emergency_preparedness/multi_hazard_mitigation_plan.asp).

**BACKGROUND**

The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires local governments to adopt comprehensive Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMP) in order to receive additional federal funding after a disaster. HMPs must describe the type, location, and extent of all natural hazards that can affect the jurisdiction; describe the jurisdiction's vulnerability to these hazards; include a mitigation strategy that provides the jurisdiction's

blueprint for reducing the potential losses; and contain a plan maintenance process. The plan maintenance process must include a schedule of monitoring, evaluating, and updating the mitigation plan on a five-year cycle, a process for local governments to incorporate the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms, and discuss how the community will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process.

California Assembly Bill 2140 passed in October 2006 and allowed cities and counties to adopt a local hazard mitigation plan (HMP), specified in the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as a part of their safety elements. The bill limits funds from the California Disaster Assistance Act for jurisdictions that have not adopted a Hazard Mitigation Plan as part of their Safety Element. Specifically Section 8685.9 of the Government Code states, “the state share shall not exceed 75 percent of total state eligible costs unless the local agency is located within a city, county, or city and county that has adopted a local hazard mitigation plan in accordance with the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 ... as part of the safety element of its general plan.” If a jurisdiction has adopted a HMP as part of its Safety Element then the legislature may provide a state share of costs in excess of 75 percent.

The City of Roseville adopted a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan on July 20, 2005. This General Plan Amendment would incorporate by reference the adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan into the General Plan Safety Element. The existing Safety Element references the precursor to the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Multi-Hazard Function Plan. The proposed amendments to the General Plan update and clarify information based on the existing Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**EVALUATION**

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Table 1 below summarizes the proposed text changes to the General Plan Safety Element. The proposed text changes are also included as Exhibit A in underline format. The following table summarizes the proposed text changes:

**Table 1**

<b>Safety Element Page #</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Text Change</b>
VIII-2	Introduction	Change reference from the Multi-Hazard Function Plan to the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Included availability of plan for review. Specified that the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan controls if there is a conflict between the General Plan Safety Element and the Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan.
VIII-6, 7, 29, 31	Various	Change reference from the Multi-Hazard Function Plan to the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Planning Department has reviewed the proposed text changes and has found them to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance, Specific Plans, Community Design Guidelines, and all other Elements within the General Plan.

Additional Amendment

In conjunction with this request, staff recommends the incorporation of language allowing for corrections to the General Plan that resulted from inadvertent errors. During the course of periodic updates if an error or internal inconsistency were discovered the proposed language would allow it to be corrected. This language will be included in the Introduction to the General Plan (see Exhibit B).

**CONCLUSION**

This action will insure that the City of Roseville complies with Assembly Bill 2140 and is eligible to receive disaster funding from the State.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

A Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted for the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan on July 20, 2005. The proposed General Plan Amendment is exempt from CEQA per Section 15061(b)(3). Section 15061 (b)(3) exempts projects where there is no possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning and Redevelopment Department recommends that the Planning Commission take the following action:

- A. Recommend that the City Council approve the General Plan Amendment, as shown in **Exhibits A and B**.

## **EXHIBITS**

- A. Proposed Text Changes to the General Plan Safety Element (redline)
- B. Proposed text changes to Administrative Procedures-Introduction (redline)