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Agenda Item No. 6A
June 14, 2011

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Laura C. Kuhn, City Manager

FROM: Rod Moresco, Director of Public Works/City Engineer



SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF VACAVILLE'S ANNEX TO THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (ABAG) PLAN ENTITLED "TAMING NATURAL DISASTERS" AS THE CITY OF VACAVILLE'S LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (LHMP)

DISCUSSION:

The City of Vacaville participates with other public agencies in planning for and coordinating cooperative interagency responses to natural disasters. The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 requires all local agencies in the country to adopt a federally approved Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to receive post-disaster mitigation funds. The DMA emphasizes planning for disasters before they occur. The plan must inventory potential natural hazards that the City is most vulnerable to, assess the risk to Vacaville's citizens, buildings and critical facilities, and develop a mitigation plan to reduce the City's risk and allow a swift and organized recovery should a disaster occur.

Although the District's adoption of ABAG's Plan is voluntary, the City must have, or be a part of, an LHMP in order to be eligible for mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), according to FEMA guidelines. Failure to adopt this plan could endanger grant monies the City has currently been awarded for detention basin facilities.

In August 2006, the Council approved the City's joining the ABAG region-wide plan, as the most efficient way for the City to meet this FEMA requirement (Resolution 2006-6-151). The City adopted its original plan that year. In adherence with FEMA guidelines, the LHMP must be updated every five years. The City's current plan will expire in September of 2011.

The City held public meetings on September 29, 2009, at the Ulatis Cultural Center to solicit comments. The new 2010 Update to the LHMP was posted on the City's website for public review in July of 2010, and the City has been accepting public comments since then. After the required public comment period, the City's updated LHMP was forwarded by ABAG to FEMA for approval. On March 17, 2011, FEMA approved the City's Annex to the "2010 Association of Bay Area Governments Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Taming Natural Disasters." The City of Vacaville's new Plan is available in the City Clerk's office, or via the internet at http://www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/public_works/localhazardm.php.

Approval of this resolution will allow for the City to continue to apply for more funds that are available through the California River Parkways Grant Program [State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Agency], or the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program, both through FEMA. The City has successfully competed for grants from these fund sources for detention basin facilities for the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the City's general fund as a result of this action; however, denial could have negative impacts on the City's ability to continue to retain or receive state and federal grant funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

By simple motion, that the City Council adopt the subject resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-62

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF VACAVILLE'S ANNEX
TO THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (ABAG) PLAN
ENTITLED "TAMING NATURAL DISASTERS"
AS THE CITY OF VACAVILLE'S LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (LHMP)**

WHEREAS, the Bay Area is subject to various earthquake related hazards such as ground shaking, liquefaction, land sliding, fault surface rupture, and tsunamis; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area is subject to various weather-related hazards including wildfires, floods, and landslides; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vacaville recognizes that disasters do not recognize city, county, or special district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vacaville seeks to maintain and enhance both a disaster-resistant city and region by reducing the potential loss of life, property, damage, and environmental degradation from natural disasters, while accelerating economic recovery from those disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vacaville is committed to increasing the disaster resistance of the infrastructure, health, housing, economy, government services, education, environment, and land use systems in the City of Vacaville, as well as the Bay Area as a whole, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Act) requires all cities, counties, and special districts to adopt a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to receive disaster mitigation funding from FEMA; and

WHEREAS, ABAG has approved and adopted the ABAG report "*Taming Natural Disasters*," created in collaboration with the participating jurisdictions, as the multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Vacaville adopts, and adapts with its local annex, this multi-jurisdictional plan as its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Vacaville commits to continuing to take those actions and initiating further actions, as appropriate, as identified in the City of Vacaville Annex of the multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan by adopting this list of mitigation strategies as the Implementation Appendix of the Safety Element of its General Plan.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Vacaville, held on the 14th day of June 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: Council members, Harris, Hunt, Mashburn, and Mayor Hardy

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice-Mayor Rowlett

ATTEST:

By: 
Michelle A. Thornbrugh, City Clerk