



FEMA

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Danielle Hutchings
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Dear Ms. Hutchings:

We have completed our final review of the *Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Taming Natural Disasters*, officially adopted by the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board of ABAG on February 18, 2011, and found the plan to be in conformance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201.6 *Local Mitigation Plans*. A list of the status of participating jurisdictions is enclosed with this letter.

ABAG can be commended for its planning and plan maintenance process, risk assessment and mitigation strategy as well as the clear direction this plan gives for long term planning to reduce the impacts of future disasters.

The approval of this plan ensures ABAG continued eligibility for project grants under FEMA's hazard mitigation assistance programs, including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation, Flood Mitigation Assistance and Severe Repetitive Loss grant programs. All requests for funding, however, will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility, and other requirements of the particular program under which applications are submitted. Approved mitigation plans are eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). Additional information regarding the CRS can be found at www.fema.gov/business/nfip/crs.shtm or through your local floodplain manager.

FEMA's approval of the *Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Taming Natural Disasters*, officially adopted by the Administrative Committee is for a period of five years, effective starting the date of this letter. Prior to March 24, 2016, ABAG and all participating jurisdictions are required to review and revise the plan to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities, and resubmit it for approval in order to continue to be eligible for mitigation project grant funding. The enclosed crosswalk provides additional recommendations to incorporate into the plan during the plan maintenance process.

If you have any questions regarding the planning or review processes, please contact Juliette Hayes, Community Planner at (510) 627-7211, or by email at juliette.hayes@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sally Ziolkowski".

Sally Ziolkowski, Director
Mitigation Division

Enclosures

cc: Ken Worman, California Emergency Management Agency, Mitigation Planning