



# NEWCASTLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## STAFF REPORT

<b>To:</b>	Board of Directors, Newcastle Fire Protection District
<b>From:</b>	Ian Gow, Fire Chief
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<b>Date:</b>	11/17/2021
<b>Subject:</b>	Adoption of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update 2021 including Newcastle Fire Protection District Annex K

### **The Issue**

Shall the Board, by Resolution, adopt the Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update including Newcastle Fire Protection District Annex K?

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Board, by Resolution, adopt the Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update including Newcastle Fire Protection District Annex K.

### **Background**

The emphasis of the Local Hazard Mitigation Planning process is to create an ongoing, community-wide public/government planning process that results in the local governing bodies formally adopting a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). Each year natural disasters throughout the United States kill hundreds of people, injure thousands, and leave tens of thousands homeless. Taxpayers pay billions of dollars each year to help those impacted recover from disaster. Many of these disasters are predictable, and many more are repetitive, yielding the same results. However, much of the damage caused by these events can be alleviated or even eliminated.

One of FEMA's primary goals is reducing losses from natural disasters. Hazard mitigation planning and the subsequent implementation of projects, measures, and policies contained in a plan is the primary mechanism in achieving that goal.

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires every local government to have a FEMA approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to maintain eligibility for certain mitigation funding programs.

Placer County began the LHMP update in January of 2021. Agencies that participated in this planning process provided specific information about their agency in regards to natural hazards that may occur in their jurisdiction, what



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impacts such hazards may have to the agency, and what mitigation measures may be used to reduce or eliminate impact from identified hazards.

Newcastle Fire Protection District participated in this process for the first time and specific information to the District is contained in Annex K of the LHMP.

This process went on for several months coordinated by Placer County personnel and contracted consultants to arrive with an updated five (5) year plan. The draft plan was provided to the public for comment, submitted to California Office of Emergency Services (CA OES) for review and approval, submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval, and approved by the Placer County Board of Supervisors. Adoption by all local governments covered by the plan completes the final phase of the LHMP update.

### **Purpose of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan**

The purpose of LHMP is to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from the effects of natural hazards. This plan has been prepared to meet requirements in order to maintain the Newcastle Fire Protection District eligibility for FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs (HMGP), as well as assist in obtaining other grant funding opportunities that may address hazard mitigation within the District.

### **Alternatives Available to Board; Implications of Alternatives**

1. Adopt the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan;
2. Take no action.

By not adopting the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, the District will not be in compliance with Federal Regulations and may be ineligible to receive Federal assistance for pre-disaster projects and natural disaster related events.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of adoption of this Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### **Attachments**

The 2021 LHMP for Placer County, including all agency Annex's can be found at: <https://www.placer.ca.gov/1381/Local-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan>