

City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Charles Hood, Fire Chief

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

City of San Antonio Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Amendments

SUMMARY:

This resolution adopts the amended City of San Antonio Hazard Mitigation Plan which is designed to protect people and property from the effects of natural and human-caused hazards. The Plan enables COSA to apply for pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding that would not otherwise be available.

On September 27, 2022, The Public Safety Committee approved the amended plan for full City Council consideration.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This plan is needed to qualify for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes and must be updated every five years.

The purpose of this plan is to identify the City's hazards, review and assess past disaster

occurrences estimate the probability of future occurrences and prioritize mitigation actions based on hazards that pose the greatest risks to lives and property in San Antonio.

In October 2021, the Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted by City Council. During the adoption process City Council requested amendments to the Plan including a review of the winter weather hazard profile, hazard risk ranking, and the integration of climate change to be included into the Plan. Additional requests included community involvement, gathering feedback from stakeholders, and reformatting the plan to provide improved navigation through the document.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan amendments include an updated winter weather profile including impacts and costs experienced by San Antonio, an update to the hazard risk ranking, and the plan integrates climate change and how it impacts our hazard profiles. In addition, public input regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan was gathered during the public input sessions and an SA Speak Survey.

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ISSUE:

Resolution adopting the amended City of San Antonio Hazard Mitigation Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. There are recommended actions within the Hazard Mitigation Plan that will be discussed as part of the City's Annual Budget Process, as part of the City's Bond Program Process, and/or as grants become available.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution to adopt the amended City of San Antonio Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.