

# **SPECIAL MEETING**

## **AGENDA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BOARD Tuesday, October 12, 2004, 11:00 a.m. EOB Room, P4 Level, City Hall East**

### **I. Declaration of Quorum; Introductions**

### **II. Action Item**

#### **A. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan - Larry Meyerhofer**

That the Emergency Operations Board, approve and forward to the Mayor for transmittal to the City Council, the City of Los Angeles Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### **III. Public Comment Period**

Members of the public may address the Board on any matter which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

### **IV. Adjourn**

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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: October 6, 2004

04-0293

To: William J. Bratton, Chair  
Emergency Operations Board

Emergency Operations Board Members

From: Anna Burton, Executive Assistant  
Emergency Operations Board

Subject: **CITY OF LOS ANGELES LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Recommendation

That the Emergency Operations Board, approve and forward to the Mayor for transmittal to the City Council, the City of Los Angeles Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Executive Summary

Changes to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act have placed a new emphasis on hazard mitigation planning, primarily moving from post-disaster mitigation to pre-disaster mitigation, planning and projects.

As part of the DMA 2000, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Act requiring local government, state, and special jurisdictions to develop hazard mitigation plans.

Over the past decade, the City has been awarded more than \$175 million in Hazard Mitigation grants as a result of various disasters. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Award Program, Hazard Mitigation 404 Program, Hazard Mitigation 406 Program and the Flood Mitigation Assistant Program, are just some of the sources that the City received grant awards in order to effectively mitigate repetitive damage to facilities and property following a disaster. In order to qualify for any future hazard mitigation grant awards, each jurisdiction must prepare, and have approved by the state, a local multi-hazard mitigation plan by November 1, 2004. Without compliance, the City would not be eligible for any future mitigation program funding.

FEMA made it clear that an interdepartmental approach was vital to the plan's completion. To ensure City wide inclusion, the Emergency Preparedness Department (EPD) created the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Task Force (Task Force). The Task Force includes City departmental representatives, Los Angeles County representatives, utilities, non-profit organizations and other pre-identified stakeholders (Attachment 1). This Task Force was established in August 2003 and has met monthly reviewing the plans development. Additionally, local elected officials were asked to formally recognize the body developing the plan. At the recommendation of the EOB, the Los Angeles City Council recognized the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Task Force (Task Force) on April 21, 2004.

To assist in completing the necessary tasks and draft the City's plan in time to meet the November 1 deadline, EPD sought the expertise and additional resources of a contractor. After a competitive selection process, EPD selected The Wilson Group as the most responsible bidder. The Wilson Group began work in August 2004. Funding to support this contract work was provided by a state hazard mitigation grant, awarded to the City on July 13, 2004 (EMF-2004-PC0002 OES #037-44000, Project #PL31) as well as homeland security grant funding through the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program.

The Wilson Group completed a draft plan and released it to EPD, the Task Force and Emergency Management Committee on September 7, 2004. To allow for input from community groups and more than 100 neighborhood councils, a public workshop was conducted on September 20, 2004. A preliminary review by OES and the Federal Emergency Management Agency was also completed on October 1. After City, state and federal review, the final plan was completed on October 7 and submitted to EPD.

If approved, the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan will be forwarded to the Mayor for approval and transmittal to the City Council. After Council approval, the Plan will be submitted to OES and FEMA for their approval.

Attachment

Electronic file: City of Los Angeles Local Hazard Mitigation Plan