



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Planning and Building



Date: November 30, 2012
Board Meeting Date: December 11, 2012
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jim Eggemeyer, Community Development Director

Subject: Resolution Approving a Minor Modification to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Unincorporated County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving a minor modification to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Unincorporated County.

BACKGROUND:

On March 13, 2012, this Board approved by resolution an update to the County's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, an "Annex" to the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Government Hazard Mitigation Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area which has been adopted by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Jurisdictions must adopt a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to be eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation funds.

In order for the County to be eligible for Federal pre-disaster and post-disaster mitigation grant programs, the County must have a plan that has been approved by FEMA and adopted by the County Board of Supervisors. Such grants would help the County mitigate possible disasters or events that could affect the safety and welfare of San Mateo County.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed Board action would correct an omission in the Infrastructure Mitigation Strategies Section of the Annex. Specifically, the proposed modification would add a more specific reference, as one of the County's mitigation strategy priorities, to projects which address potential flood hazards associated with Butano Creek in Pescadero. This specific reference could assist the County in obtaining grant funding from FEMA to mitigate potential flood hazards. FEMA and ABAG have indicated their approval of the

proposed modification if approved by this Board. Attachment 1 to the Resolution shows the location and text of the proposed modification.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

The adoption of the Resolution contributes to the 2025 Shared Vision outcome of a Livable Community by identifying projects and strategies that prepare the County for disasters.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County may be better positioned to obtain Federal grant funding to help mitigate flooding associated with Butano Creek.