

Agenda Report

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SUBJECT:

2019 ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Adopt Resolution No. OCSD 19-XX entitled, "A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District Approving and Adopting the 2019 Orange County Regional Water and Wastewater Hazard Mitigation Plan," in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000.

BACKGROUND

The Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 requires all cities, counties, and special districts to develop and adopt local Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMP) to be eligible to receive federal grants pertaining to disaster preparedness. The 2019 Orange County Regional Water and Wastewater Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan) was recently updated by the Orange County Sanitation District (Sanitation District), in collaboration with 19 other Orange County water and wastewater agencies.

The purpose of the Plan is to recognize vulnerabilities from manmade and natural disasters within the Sanitation District's service area that pose a threat to critical infrastructure and identifies mitigation strategies that will reduce risk and increase infrastructure resiliency. Annex C of the 2019 Plan provides additional information specific to the Sanitation District with a focus on the risk assessment and mitigation strategy.

The Plan is being presented for review and approval to each participating utilities' governing boards, the California Emergency Management Agency, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The 2019 Plan builds on the original 2007 Plan and a previous update approved by FEMA in 2012.

RELEVANT STANDARDS

- Protect Orange County Sanitation District assets
- Maintain collaborative and cooperative relationships with regulators, stakeholders, and neighboring communities
- Commitment to safety & reducing risk in all operations

PROBLEM

The DMA of 2000 requires all cities, counties, and special districts to develop and adopt local HMPs to be eligible to receive federal grants through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act pertaining to disaster mitigation.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Sanitation District staff recommends adopting Resolution No. OCSD 19-XX to ensure continued eligibility for federal grant funding for disaster preparedness.

TIMING CONCERNS

Staff recommends adoption and approval of the updated 2019 HMP Plan and associated resolution by September 25, 2019 to be eligible to receive federal grant funding.

RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION

Without approval, the Sanitation District will not be eligible to receive federal grant funding and will not be in compliance with the DMA of 2000.

PRIOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTIONS

February 2012 - The Board of Directors approved the updated 2007 Orange County Regional Water and Wastewater Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

December 2006 - The Board of Directors adopted the Orange County Regional Water and Wastewater Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan subject to incorporation of comments, if any by the State Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency upon completion of their review.

ATTACHMENT

The following attachment(s) are included in hard copy and may also be viewed on-line at the OCSD website (www.ocsd.com) with the complete agenda package:

- Annex C of the 2019 Orange County Regional Water and Wastewater Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Draft Resolution No. OCSD 19-XX
- Resolution Exhibit "A" 2019 Orange County Regional Water and Wastewater Hazard Mitigation Plan (*Online Only*)