



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting September 03, 2024

DATE: September 3, 2024

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Resolution Adopting the Nueces County Multi-Jurisdictional Contingency Mitigation Plan

CAPTION:

Resolution Adopting the Nueces County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan used to reduce vulnerability to future hazards, acquire disaster funding, and lower flood insurance costs.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes the adoption of the Nueces County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. The plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of Corpus Christi from the impact of future hazard and disasters.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In 2017, the City of Corpus Christi participated in the Nueces County HMAP. Part of FEMA's requirement is to have an updated HMAP every five (5) years for jurisdiction to meet the requirements for federal funding related to natural and hazardous disasters.

This year the Public Works Department participated in the 2024 Nueces County HMAP to identify risks and vulnerabilities to formulate a plan of action to reduce the damage and loss of life from natural disasters. The surrounding twelve (12) jurisdictions have participated in this action plan: Nueces County, City of Agua Dulce, City of Bishop, City of Corpus Christi, City of Driscoll, City of Petronila, City of Port Aransas, City of Robstown, Banquete ISD, Nueces County Drainage District #2, Nueces County Water Control and Improvement District #3 and Nueces County Water Control and Improvement District #4.

Local governments are required to develop a hazard mitigation plan as a condition for receiving hazard mitigation assistance grants. The benefits of a HMAP includes reducing

vulnerability to future hazards, saving lives and property, gaining disaster funding, lowering insurance rates for residents and maintaining economic stability through an expedited recovery period. Currently, the City of Corpus Christi is a Class 8 in the process of reclassification. The special flood insurances premiums are assessed in a rating between 1-10 to determine credit points, discounts, and reductions. Ratings are provided based on local municipalities exceeding the minimum standards of the national flood insurance program (NFIP).

The plan has received tentative approval through the Texas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA. To receive final approval and qualify for project funding listed in the plan, the jurisdiction(s) must adopt the HMAP.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

Not Applicable

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to not approve the Nueces County HMAP. If not approved, FEMA will not provide grant funding in case of a future natural disaster including, hurricanes, tropical storms, floods, windstorms, extreme heat, coastal erosion, tornado, hailstorm, expansion of soil, levee failure, winter storms, wildfires and land subsidence. In addition, the City would lose FEMA CRS rating which would bring down the insurance discount for residents in the area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:
Organization/Activity:
Department:
Project # **(CIP Only)**:
Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to execute this motion to adopt the Nueces County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Nueces County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan
Resolution
Presentation