

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2022 MONTEREY COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas is vulnerable to natural hazards that may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, City of Salinas anticipates climate change will exacerbate the severity, frequency, and impacts of natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Monterey County local governments and special districts embarked on a planning process to prepare for and lessen the impacts of specified hazards by updating the Monterey County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP), which is the blueprint for reducing the Operational Area's vulnerability to disasters and hazards; and

WHEREAS, the update to the MJHMP has been prepared in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the MJHMP identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in City of Salinas from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, the MJHMP planning partnership and City of Salinas completed a coordinated planning process that engaged the public, assessed the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, developed a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and created a plan for implementing, evaluating, and revising the strategy; and

WHEREAS, each jurisdiction has been responsible for the review and approval of their individual sections of the Plan and the Plan presents the accumulated information in a unified framework to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated hazard mitigation plan that covers the entire Monterey County Operational Area planning area that is aligned with the goals, objectives and priorities of the State's multi-hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the result of the countywide organizational effort is a two volume Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will result in a FEMA and California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) approved multi-jurisdictional, multi-hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the MJHMP has been reviewed by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and FEMA, Region IX, and have approved it contingent upon its official adoption by the participating governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan will allow the jurisdictional partners to collectively and individually become eligible to apply for hazard mitigation project funding and demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Monterey County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Salinas City Council finds this action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (feasibility and planning studies) and Section 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council, hereby adopts the 2022 Monterey County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, consisting of Volume 1 in its entirety and City of Salinas 's Annex in Volume 2; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the (Jurisdiction Governing Body), resolves to integrate the Monterey County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by reference into the Public Safety Element of the General Plan in accordance with the requirements of Government Code sections 65302, 65302.6, and 8685.9; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council directs staff to:

1. Use the Plan to guide pre-and post-disaster hazard mitigation.
2. Pursue implementation of the identified mitigation actions subject to the limitations of available of funding and staff.
3. Coordinate the strategies in the plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
4. Continue support of ongoing countywide mitigation efforts.
5. Continue to participate in the regional planning partnership as described by the MJHMP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of Salinas will submit this adopted resolution to the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA Region IX officials to enable the Plan's final approval in accordance with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and to establish conformance with the requirements of AB 2140; and

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29 day of August 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Kimbley Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk