



July 21, 2022

Board of Directors
Ventura Regional Sanitation District
Ventura, California

ADOPT VRSD RESOLUTION NO. 22-11 ACCEPTING ALL OF VOLUME 1 AND THE VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT PORTION OF VOLUME 2 OF THE VENTURA COUNTY MULTI JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve and Adopt District Board VRSD Resolution No. 22-11, accepting all of Volume 1 and the Ventura Regional Sanitation District section of Volume 2 of the Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT

Upon plan adoption, all of the jurisdictional partners, the partnership will collectively and individually become eligible to apply for hazard mitigation project funding from the suite of grant programs under Federal Emergency Management Administration's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) program

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Hazard Mitigation Planning for the Ventura County Planning Area:

In May 2021, a coalition of Ventura County planning partners embarked on a planning process to prepare for and lessen the impacts of specified natural hazards. Responding to federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390), the partnership was formed to pool resources and create a uniform hazard mitigation strategy that can be consistently applied to the defined planning area and used to ensure eligibility for specified grant funding sources.

The 25 member planning partnership that completed this plan update process includes:

- Ventura County (Unincorporated Areas)
- City of Camarillo
- City of Fillmore
- City of Moorpark
- City of Ojai
- City of Oxnard
- City of Port Hueneme
- City of Santa Paula

- City of Simi Valley
- City of Thousand Oaks
- City of Ventura
- California State University, Channel Islands
- Calleguas Municipal Water District
- Casitas Municipal Water District
- Channel Islands Beach Community Services District
- Conejo Recreation and Park District
- Ojai Valley Sanitary District
- Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District
- Saticoy Sanitary District
- Triunfo Water and Sanitation District
- United Water Conservation District
- Ventura County Fire Protection District
- Ventura County Office of Education
- Ventura County Public Works Agency-Watershed Protection
- Ventura Regional Sanitation District

The planning area for the hazard mitigation plan encompasses all of Ventura County. The result of the organizational efforts has been to produce a FEMA and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) approved multi-agency multi-hazard mitigation plan.

Mitigation is defined in this context as any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from a hazard event. Mitigation planning is the systematic process of learning about the hazards that can affect the community, setting clear goals, identifying appropriate actions, and following through with an effective mitigation strategy. Mitigation encourages long-term reduction of hazard vulnerability and can reduce the enormous cost of disasters to property owners and all levels of government. Mitigation can also protect critical community facilities, reduce exposure to liability, and minimize post-disaster community disruption.

The hazard identification and profiling in the hazard mitigation plan addresses the following natural hazards considered to be of significant importance within the Ventura County planning area:

- Dam Failure Inundation
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Flooding (includes Levee Failures)
- Landslide & Mass Movements
- Sea Level Rise/Coastal Erosion (SLR)
- Severe Storms

- Severe Weather Events (Heat/Freeze Events)
- Tsunami
- Wildfire

Ventura County Office of Emergency Services secured funding for developing the hazard mitigation plan and was the lead coordinating agency for this multi-jurisdictional effort. All participating local jurisdictions have been responsible for assisting in the development of the hazard and vulnerability assessments and the mitigation action strategies for their respective jurisdictions and organizations. The plan presents the accumulated information in a unified framework to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated plan covering all planning partners within the Ventura County Planning Area. Each jurisdiction has been responsible for the review and approval of their individual sections of the plan.

The plan was prepared in accordance with the Cal OES Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and FEMA preparation guidelines.

The plan update process was overseen by a 17-member, stakeholder Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is composed of representative stakeholders from within the planning area and is an established committee that was leveraged for this planning process. In addition, residents were asked to contribute by sharing local knowledge of their individual area's vulnerability to natural hazards based on past occurrences. Public involvement has been solicited via a multi-media campaign that included public meetings, web-based information, questionnaires, and progress updates via the news media.

NEXT STEPS

Why adopt this Plan?

Once the hazard mitigation plan has been approved by Cal OES and FEMA and adopted by all of the jurisdictional partners, the partnership will collectively and individually become eligible to apply for hazard mitigation project funding from the suite of grant programs under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) program. The Plan needs to be adopted as the final step in the process.

Where do we go from here?

Once Cal OES and FEMA have approved the Plan (APA – Approval Pending Adoption), each jurisdiction will need to adopt Volume 1 and respective annex by governing body resolution to be eligible to apply for funding sources including grants.

Grant funds are made available to local governments and states and can be used to implement the various hazard mitigation measures specified in the respective annexes. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is considered a living document, such that as awareness of

additional hazards develop and new strategies and projects are conceived to offset or prevent loss due to natural hazards, the Plan will be evaluated and revised on an annual basis during the 5 year plan timeframe.

As a living document, the hazard mitigation plan information can be integrated and used in conjunction with other emergency and related plans, such as Emergency Operation Plans (EOPs).

This letter has been reviewed Legal Counsel as to form.

If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by phone at (805) 658-4646 or via email at tinrivera@vrzd.com.

ALVERTINA RIVERA, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

APPROVED FOR FISCAL IMPACT: 
Alvertina Rivera, Director of Finance

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: 
Chris Theisen, General Manager

- Attachments:
1. The file for Volume 2 including the Jurisdiction's Annex of the Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan can be accessed at: <https://www.readyventuracounty.org/county-plans/>
 2. Proposed VRSD Resolution No. 22-11

VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VRSD RESOLUTION NO. 22-11

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2021 VENTURA COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, all of Ventura County has exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County's economy; 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, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Ventura County stakeholders with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies to be implemented within each partners identified capabilities, within the Ventura County Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating, and revising this strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Ventura Regional Sanitation District hereby:

- 1.) Adopts in its entirety, Volume I, the Ventura Regional Sanitation District annex, and appendices of Volume II of the Ventura County Local Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- 2.) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Hazard Mitigation Plan to guide pre- and post- disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
- 3.) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Hazard Mitigation Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
- 4.) Will continue its support of the on-going countywide mitigation efforts and continue to participate in the Planning Partnership as described by the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

5.) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all Planning Partners.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of July, 2022 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

LAURA HERNANDEZ, Chairperson
Board of Directors

Juliet Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board