RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-220

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA TO (1) ADOPT VOLUME 1 OF THE SONOMA COUNTY MULTIJURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, DATED OCTOBER 2021, AND (2) UPDATE THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN BY ADOPTING THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ANNEX TO VOLUME 2 OF THE SONOMA COUNTY MULTIJURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, DATED OCTOBER 2021, AND THE APPENDICES TO VOLUME 2 OF THE SONOMA COUNTY MULTIJURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, DATED OCTOBER 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that proactive mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people 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, on March 13, 2012, the Council adopted the City's first Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as an Annex to the Association of Bay Area Governments' (ABAG) Hazard Mitigation Plan, meaning that it tiered off the ABAG Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2017, the Council adopted the current City of Santa Rosa Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in compliance with the California Department of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 5-year update requirement; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2018, City Manager Sean McGlynn signed a Letter of Commitment to the State Hazard Mitigation Officer to be a participating jurisdiction in the Sonoma County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning project which would also serve as a five-year update to the City of Santa Rosa Santa Rosa Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Permit Sonoma, the County of Sonoma's land use planning and permitting department, applied for and received a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant for the preparation of a Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP); the grant covers 75 percent of the cost of developing the plan, with participating planning partners covering the remaining 25 percent through in-kind matching, such as staff time; and

WHEREAS, City staff, along with a coalition of Sonoma County stakeholders was formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies to be implemented within each partners identified capabilities, within the Sonoma County Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2021, the MJHMP draft was released for public review; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2021, a virtual public workshop was held to provide an overview of the plan and solicit feedback; and

WHEREAS, the MJHMP stakeholders completed a 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 this strategy; and

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

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2021, the Draft MJHMP was submitted to Cal OES and FEMA for review; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2021, the MJHMP stakeholders received feedback from Cal OES and FEMA which resulted in minor edits to the MJHMP and a resubmittal of the documents to Cal OES and FEMA for approval; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2021, Cal OES and FEMA approved the MJHMP pending adoption by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, after adoption by the City Council, the MJHMP will be resubmitted to Cal OES and FEMA for final approval and adoption and will be incorporated into the City's General Plan update process (Santa Rosa Forward); and

WHEREAS, adoption of the City of Santa Rosa Annex and Appendices included within Volume 2 of the MJHMP, dated October 2021, will serve as an update to the existing LHMP; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the City Council demonstrates the City's commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the MJHMP, increasing the resiliency of the infrastructure, health, housing, economy, government services, education, and land use systems within the City, in collaboration with surrounding jurisdictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based on the following findings and determinations and the record of these proceedings the Council of the City of Santa Rosa (1) adopts Volume 1 of the MJHMP and (2) updates the City of Santa Rosa LHMP by adopting the City of Santa Rosa Annex to Volume 2 of the MJHMP dated October 2021, and the Appendices to Volume 2 of the MJHMP dated October 2021, and directs their implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa finds the following:

A. Adoption of the MJHMP and updating the LHMP are activities consistent with the goals and policies of the Santa Rosa General Plan, and all Specific Plans in that the MJHMP

and updated LHMP provide updated data and mitigation strategies to address risk related to natural hazards; and

B. Adoption of the MJHMP and updating the LHMP would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City in that these plans strive to improve and enhance public readiness for disaster and provide mitigation strategies; and

C. The adoption of Volume 1 of the MJHMP dated October 2021, and updating the LHMP by adoption of the City of Santa Rosa Annex to Volume 2 of the MJHMP, dated October 2021, and the Appendices to Volume 2 of the MJHMP, dated October 2021, has been reviewed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is exempt from CEQA because it is not a "project" pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378 (b) in that it does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. In addition, or in the alternative, adoption of the MJHMP and LHMP is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)3, in that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore are not subject to CEQA.

The MJHMP and LHMP are consistent with the City of Santa Rosa General Plan, involve feasibility and planning studies, consist of data collection and research, and do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Any future projects arising from mitigation activities included in the MJHMP or updated LHMP will undergo additional CEQA review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council further directs that:

1. Staff will incorporate the adopted MJHMP and updated LHMP into the City's General Plan Update process (Santa Rosa Forward) consistent with state law and will file necessary documentation with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to confirm incorporation of the 2021 MJHMP and updated LHMP into the General Plan to maintain eligibility for State and Federal funding; and
2. City departments identified within the MJHMP and LHMP shall collaborate with other Sonoma County jurisdictions to pursue implementation of the mitigation actions subject to the limitations of available funding and resources and shall seek additional outside sources of funding where feasible.

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3. Staff will provide an annual report summarizing implementation of the plans as part of the General Plan Annual Report prepared by Planning and Economic Development.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 7th day of December, 2021.

AYES: (6) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Members Fleming N. Rogers, Schwedhelm, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Council Member Sawyer

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: Stephanie A. Williams
City Clerk

APPROVED: Chris Rogers (Dec 13, 2021 11:59 PST)
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Sue Gallagher
City Attorney

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