

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Environmental Health & Safety

INFORMATIVE

TO: Members, Board of Education
Austin Beutner, Superintendent

DATE: November 13, 2018

FROM: Carlos A. Torres, Interim Director 
Office of Environmental Health & Safety

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

On November 13, 2018, the Board of Education (Board) will consider adoption of the Los Angeles Unified School District's (District) Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The purpose of a LHMP is to enact mitigation measures that reduce the risk of loss of life and property damage from future disasters. This plan was prepared to ensure the District would be eligible for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Hazard Mitigation Grant programs, specifically, FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program, and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program. Without an approved LHMP, the District would not be eligible for reimbursement from FEMA following a natural disaster.

In 2004, the District developed an LHMP, which received FEMA approval in 2005. In 2012, a subsequent LHMP was prepared and received FEMA approval. The LHMP was deemed valid for a period of five years. In order to keep the LHMP current an update is required. Without this update, the District will not be eligible for pre-disaster mitigation nor post-disaster grant funds.

On March 29, 2017, FEMA approved the District's subgrant application, which provided 100% reimbursement for costs associated with updating the 2012 LHMP. On September 12, 2017, the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between FEMA and the District to fund the cost of the LHMP update (Board of Education Report, File#: Rep-018-17/18).

On August 31, 2018, the District submitted the updated LHMP to the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA for their review and approval. The LHMP was prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) and the implementing regulations set forth by the Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register on February 26, 2002, (44 CFR §201.6) and finalized on October 31, 2007. On October 17, 2018, the LHMP received conditional approval subject to Board adoption.

The updated LHMP reflects the current responsibilities of the District's divisions, departments and offices and addresses major natural and human-caused disasters that have the potential to impact District facilities and operations. A copy of the LHMP is available on the Office of Environmental Health and Safety website at <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/14638>.

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Board of Education Report

File #: Rep-152-18/19, Version: 1 **ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE**

Certification of compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and adoption of the Los Angeles Unified School District Local Hazard Mitigation Plan November 13, 2018

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Action Proposed:

Staff proposes that the Board of Education (Board) review and make a determination on the proposed Resolution (attached) to certify compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) and adopt the Los Angeles Unified School District Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP).

Background:

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Expected Outcomes:

Board adoption and submission of the Resolution to obtain FEMA approval of the LHMP in accordance with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Board Options and Consequences:

A "yes" vote to adopt the Resolution will enable the District to receive up to 24.6 million dollars for pending pre-disaster mitigation funding and subsequent funding for pre-disaster mitigation for projects identified in the LHMP as well as grant requests associated with post-disaster funding should a major natural or man-made

disaster occur. A “no” vote would cancel funding for all pending projects and future projects subject to available federal disaster assistance, specifically, the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM), and the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA).

Policy Implications:

This action does not change District policy.

Budget Impact:

This action does not have a budget impact.

Student Impact:

Compliance with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 will serve to augment the District’s emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the LHMP. Continued and enhanced hazard mitigation actions will help ensure that students are provided with a safe and healthy school environment and up-to-date facilities that promote effective learning.

Issues and Analysis:

Each year in the United States, natural disasters take the lives of hundreds of people and injure thousands more. Nationwide, taxpayers pay billions of dollars annually to help communities, organizations, businesses, and individuals recover from disasters. These monies only partially reflect the true cost of disasters, because additional expenses to insurance companies and nongovernmental organizations are not reimbursed by tax dollars. Many natural disasters are predictable, and much of the damage caused by these events can be alleviated or even eliminated. The purpose of hazard mitigation is to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards. Adoption and implementation of the District’s LHMP will demonstrate the District’s commitment to fulfilling its mitigation goals and objectives to meet that end.

Attachments:

Resolution of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education certifying compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) and adoption of the Los Angeles Unified School District Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Informatives:

Consideration and adoption of the Los Angeles Unified School District Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Submitted: 10/22/18

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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Superintendent

APPROVED & PRESENTED BY:



VIVIAN EKCHIAN
Deputy Superintendent

REVIEWED BY:



DAVID HOLMQUIST
General Counsel

APPROVED & PRESENTED BY:



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Interim Director
Office of Environmental Health and Safety

Approved as to form.

REVIEWED BY:



CHERYL SIMPSON
Director, Budget Services and Financial Planning

Approved as to budget impact statement.



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education Report

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000 (PUBLIC LAW 106-390) AND ADOPTION OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Whereas, the District recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

Whereas, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

Whereas, the United States Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards; and

Whereas, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to governmental agencies; and

Whereas, an adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

Whereas, the District fully participated in the Federal Emergency Management Agency prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, the California Office of Emergency Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IX officials have reviewed the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and approved it contingent upon its official adoption by the Board of Education; and

Whereas, the District’s compliance with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act will serve to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, adoption by the Board demonstrates the District’s commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, adoption of this plan legitimizes and authorizes responsible District divisions, departments, and offices to carry out their responsibilities under the plan; and now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board adopts the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and be it

Resolved further, that the Board submit this adopted resolution to the California Office of Emergency Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IX officials to enable the plan’s final approval in accordance with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.



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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of November 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0



Jefferson Crain
Executive Officer of the Board of Education

November 14, 2018

Date