

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Honorable Mayor and Members of
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular meeting of
July 13, 2004

**DEVELOPMENT OF A LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
COMPLIANT WITH THE DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Intent to develop a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to be submitted for State review and FEMA approval written in accordance with Section 322 of the Stafford Act.
2. Authorize the hiring of a consultant to complete this Plan. A qualified consultant proposal including scope of work and cost to be obtained and brought to Council for approval as a future agenda item.

BACKGROUND

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) (Public Law 106-390) amended the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (the Act) by repealing the previous mitigation planning section (Section 409) and replacing it with Section 322. To implement the DMA 2000 planning requirements, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published Interim Final Rules (IFRs) in the Federal Register on February 26, 2002 and October 1, 2002. These IFRs established the mitigation planning requirements for local governments and required that in order to remain eligible to receive federal funding for both pre-disaster and post-disaster mitigation project funding, a local government must, by November 1, 2004 have a FEMA approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) written in accordance with Section 322 of the Act. Plans approved after November 1, 2004, will restore eligibility.

Local governments without an approved LHMP will not be eligible to receive Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project grants for disasters declared after November 1, 2004. Also affected by the November 1, 2004 date will be future mitigation project funding awarded through the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program, the Pre-

Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant programs, and the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) low-interest, pre-disaster, small business loan program.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of a consultant to complete this Plan is to be determined and will be brought to Council as a future agenda item.

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

Russell Tingley
Fire Chief

Stephen Burrell
City Manager

Noted for Fiscal Impact:

Viki Copeland
Finance Director