

**STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster**

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Date: December 10, 2013

To: Mayor R. Rex Parris and City Council Members

From: Kelvin G. Tainatongo, Assistant to the City Manager

Subject: **City of Lancaster Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013-2018**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 13-65**, approving the City of Lancaster Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013-2018 and direct the City Manager or his designee to submit the Plan to the State Office of Emergency Services for approval.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Background:

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that local governments develop and submit local hazard mitigation plans to the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") as a condition of receiving FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds after November 2004. In 2005, the City prepared its first Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan under this act. The Lancaster Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013-2018 ("Mitigation Plan") is a renewal and update of the previous plan.

Summary:

The Mitigation Plan includes resources and information to assist residents, public and private sector organizations, and others interested in participating in planning for hazards. The Mitigation Strategy Action Plan in the document provides a list of activities designed to assist the City of Lancaster to reduce risk and prevent losses from future hazard events. The strategies address multi-hazard issues, as well as hazard specific activities for windstorms, earthquakes, fires, flooding, landslide, and terrorism.

The development of the Mitigation Plan has been a collaborative city and community effort. The planning process was facilitated by a variety of departments along with our consultant MLC & Associates, Inc. The public has been invited to participate in the development and update of the Mitigation Plan every step of the way. In addition, ongoing disaster preparedness and mitigation information is routinely provided through public notices, city website, newsletters and local news media. Specific partner agencies such as Los Angeles County Fire, Sheriff, and Public Works, and AV-CERT and Neighborhood Watch groups have also participated in the development and review process of the Mitigation Plan.

Attachment:

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