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Public Input Wanted on Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

LA PALMA, Calif. – Residents are encouraged to attend, learn, and share their thoughts at the upcoming City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 1st, at 7:00 p.m. as staff presents its draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP).

In October 2018, the City of La Palma began preparing a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), which is five-year strategic plan to improve local resilience to hazard events. Development of the plan, the first such plan for La Palma, is being funded through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The plan has been prepared by public safety officials and City staff, with support from stakeholders, other affected agencies, and technical consultants. The plan also incorporated feedback from La Palma community members via an online survey conducted during the summer of 2019 and feedback received at this year's Civic Expo & National Night Out event in August. Final adoption of the plan is scheduled for spring of 2020 following approval from the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA.

The draft LHMP summarizes the natural and human-caused hazards that pose a threat to the community, including drought, flooding, earthquakes, and wildfires. As a part of this process, the plan identifies how climate change is expected to affect future hazards in La Palma. The LHMP analyzes how community members, buildings, and infrastructure are vulnerable to the threats posed by these hazards. It outlines a Hazard Mitigation Strategy that provides specific policy and action recommendations to City staff and community partners to improve overall resiliency to hazard events. The plan also includes steps to maintain it and keep it updated, including keeping the plan current in the face of changing conditions.

In addition to protecting La Palma from current and future hazards, having an LHMP will allow La Palma to be eligible for grants from FEMA for additional hazard mitigation efforts, under the provisions of the federal Robert T. Stafford Act and the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. It will also make La Palma eligible to receive additional disaster relief funding from the State of California, per California Government Code Section 8685.9.

For more information, please visit www.cityoflapalma.org/lhmp or call Captain Ron Wilkerson at (714) 690-3370.

About the City of La Palma

Ranked by Money Magazine in 2007, 2011, 2013, and 2015 as one of America's Best Places to Live, the City of La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County, consisting of 15,568 residents and approximately 300 commercial and industrial businesses. The City was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Dairyland and has 55 full-time and 35 part-time employees.

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