COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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DATE: July 31, 2006

TITLE: First Annual Review of City of Roseville Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

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Meeting Date: August 16, 2006

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

The Multi-Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee recommends the City Council by motion:

- 1. Accept the 2006 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Progress Report (Attachment 1) for the reporting period of July 2005 to July 2006.
- 2. Continue to implement the mitigation measures in the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to comply with the Disaster Mitigation Act with the primary goal of protecting Roseville residents and their property from potential natural or human-caused hazards.

BACKGROUND

City of Roseville Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2000) requires all local agencies in the country to adopt a federally approved Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to receive post-disaster mitigation funds. The Plan must inventory potential natural hazards that the City is most vulnerable to, assess the risk to Roseville's citizens, buildings and critical facilities, and develop a mitigation plan to reduce the City's risk and allow a swift and organized recovery should a disaster occur.

On July 20, 2005, the Roseville City Council adopted the Roseville Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan that addressed both natural and human-caused disaster mitigation. The City Council adopted the Plan following nine months of public meetings with an ad hoc Steering Committee, an online survey of Roseville residents, two public workshops on natural and human-caused hazards, and a special workshop of the City Council on May 31, 2005 to discuss the Plan contents. Roseville's plan is unique in that the City included an analysis of human-caused hazards that was not required by the pre-September 11th federal legislation. The City also followed the a script prescribed by the Community Rating System so that Roseville could meet CRS classification prerequisites, clearing the way for the City to become the first Class 1 community in the nation.

The Plan was then submitted, as required by federal law, for review by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The City was notified in correspondence dated August 9, 2005 that the Plan is in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and is approved by FEMA. The approval letter from FEMA's Region IX Mitigation Division Director Sally Ziolkowski states in part:

"The City of Roseville California can be commended for its planning process, community participation efforts, catalog of mitigation alternatives, and the clear direction this Plan gives for long-term planning to reduce the impacts of future disasters."

Purpose of Annual Review

An annual review of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required by the Disaster Mitigation Act and required per Section 1.4 of the adopted Plan. The annual review is also required as one component of the Community Rating System recertification.

The entire Plan is updated every five years. The annual review and the published progress report ensure that the Plan remains dynamic and reflects the changing capabilities of the City. The suggested changes will be published annually and incorporated into the five-year update, scheduled for 2009-2010.

The annual review is also an opportunity for "continuing public involvement" as required by the Disaster Mitigation Act. The City reconvened the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee on July 20, 2006 and went through each of the 71 action items to review the status. Comments from the Steering Committee have been incorporated into the attached Progress Report.

2006 ANNUAL REVIEW

Significant progress was made in several key areas highlighted in the 2006 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Progress Report. Several success stories are highlighted in the report including:

Roseville's CRS Class 1 Rating – On May 3, 2006, the City of Roseville received notification that the City has initially qualified for FEMA's Community Rating System Class 1 designation. Roseville is the first city in the country to be awarded the designation based on the City's aggressive flood mitigation efforts during the past two decades. Roseville will host FEMA Director Paulison in fall 2006 to receive the official designation as a Class 1 community resulting in significant discounts in flood insurance premiums for policyholders.

Building Code Amendments – The Roseville Building Division and City Attorney's Office worked to amend the City's seismic provisions in the Building Code as a temporary solution until the State adopts the International Building Code. This was necessary to achieve the Class 1 rating and ensures that new development will comply with the latest seismic safety codes.

Grant Funding to Purchase Champion Oaks Properties – The State of California Office of Emergency Services (OES) approved a \$600,000 grant to purchase 1212 and 1214 Champion Oaks Drive, two repetitive loss properties prone to flooding during heavy rainfall. The City Council has begun the process to purchase the homes with action on the August 2, 2006 Council agenda. The homes will be demolished to make way for a culvert expansion to protect the remaining homes in the neighborhood and perpetual open space/passive neighborhood park.

Roseville Participation in Sacramento UASI – The City of Roseville Police and Fire Departments have committed 2.5 full-time staff members to participate in the Sacramento Urban Area Security Initiative to enhance readiness and response in the event of a Weapons of Mass Destruction event in the Sacramento region. The staff is funded by grants received from the Department of Homeland Security. The City is also participating in Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and regional training exercises for terrorism preparedness.

Not listed in the 2005-06 Progress Report, but certainly noteworthy, the staff received an e-mail from Dr. Ali Asgary of York University in Toronto, Canada. He is among the faculty that teaches the emergency management courses at York University. He found the City's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and video archives of the City Council workshop and FOCUS show on the City's website and is using the City's plan and the videos to teach his course. In fact, he has his students role play the City Council and staff and answer questions in class. He was very complimentary of the plan and public meeting process and even wanted copies of the meetings on DVD so he would have better quality footage to show in class. The City has also received calls from other California jurisdictions currently preparing their plans and using the City's plan as a template for their work.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact to the City as a result of this program. Mitigation measures are implemented as the various City departments have funding in their regular work programs and as grant funding is applied for and received by various City departments.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachment:

1. Cover Memorandum from Grace Keller, Chair of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee with the 2005-06 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Progress Report