

Resolution No. 10193

Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Adopting Volume 1 and the City of Palo Alto Annex of Volume 2 of the Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as the City's updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and Adopting a Comprehensive Plan Amendment incorporating the updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan into the City's 2030 Comprehensive Plan Safety Element

R E C I T A L S

WHEREAS, the Bay Area is subject to various earthquake-related hazards such as ground shaking, liquefaction, fault surface rupture; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area is subject to various weather-related hazards including wildfires, floods, and severe storms; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto recognizes that disasters do not recognize city, county, or special district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto seeks to maintain and enhance both a disaster resistant City of Palo Alto and region by reducing the potential loss of life, property damage, and environmental degradation from natural disasters, while accelerating economic recovery from those disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto is committed to increasing the disaster resistance of the infrastructure, health, housing, economy, government services, education, environment, and land use systems in the City of Palo Alto, as well as in the Bay Area as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all cities, counties, and special districts to have adopted a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to receive disaster mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Adoption. Adopts in its entirety, Volume I and the City of Palo Alto jurisdictional annex of Volume II of the Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, collectively, as the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) for the City of Palo Alto.

SECTION 2. The City of Palo Alto commits to continuing to take those actions and initiating further actions, as deemed appropriate by its City Council, officers, and employees, identified in the City of Palo Alto LHMP by proposing to adopt the mitigation strategies listed therein.

SECTION 3. The Safety Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan is hereby amended in accordance with Government Code section 65302.6, to incorporate the updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan into Safety Element Policy S-2.1, including a web link to the most current version of the LHMP available at www.cityofpaloalto.org/lhmp.

SECTION 4. On November 13, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution 9720, certifying an Environmental Impact Report for City of Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan 2030, of which the Safety Element is a part. This amendment to the Safety Element will not result in any new impacts or increase in the severity of previously identified impacts and therefore no additional environmental review is required.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: OCTOBER 7, 2024

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Exhibit A

PALO ALTO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SAFETY ELEMENT

POWER

- POLICY S-1.13** Support the development of an independent, redundant power grid with local generation in Palo Alto, in order to ensure energy resiliency in the event of natural disasters or other threats.
- PROGRAM S1.13.1** Identify solutions to add an additional power line to Palo Alto to ensure redundancy.
- PROGRAM S1.13.2** Explore incentives to adopt emerging, residential off-grid capabilities and technologies, including back-up power sources vital in the event of natural disasters or other threats.
- PROGRAM S1.13.3** Continue citywide efforts to underground utility wires to limit injury, loss of life and damage to property in the event of human-made or natural disasters.
- PROGRAM S1.13.4** Enhance the safety of City-owned natural gas pipeline operations. Work with customers, public safety officials and industry leaders to ensure the safe delivery of natural gas throughout the service area. Provide safety information to all residents on City-owned natural gas distribution pipelines.
- PROGRAM S1.13.5** Provide off-grid and/or backup power sources for critical City facilities to ensure uninterrupted power during emergencies and disasters.

NATURAL HAZARDS

GOAL S-2 Protection of life, ecosystems and property from natural hazards and disasters, including earthquake, landslide, flooding, and fire.

GENERAL SAFETY MEASURES

- POLICY S-2.1** Incorporate the City's Local Hazard Mitigation and Adaptation Plan (LHMP), as periodically adopted by the City Council and certified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), into the Safety Element. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the LHMP and any other provision of the Safety Element, the LHMP shall control. **The most current LHMP can be found at cityofpaloalto.org/lhmp.**
- POLICY S-2.2** Focus efforts to reduce exposure to natural hazards in areas of the city identified as vulnerable to the greatest risks, as shown on the maps in this Element.
- POLICY S-2.3** Implement public safety improvements, such as access roads and other infrastructure, in a manner that is sensitive to the environment.



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