



MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Agenda # 7
Regular Calendar
MCOG Meeting
8/17/2020

STAFF REPORT

TITLE: Acceptance of Final Vulnerability Assessment, Public Outreach Plan, and Evacuation Plan. **DATE PREPARED:** 08/06/20

SUBMITTED BY: Loretta Ellard, Deputy Planner

MEETING DATE: 08/17/20

BACKGR OUND:

As you will recall, the draft “Fire Vulnerability Assessment & Emergency Evacuation Preparedness Plan” was presented to the MCOG Board at the June 1 meeting. Category Five Professional Consultants, Inc. (Sheri Eibschutz and Bob Neumann) gave a remote PowerPoint presentation of the draft plan components, and a general discussion was held with the consultants responding to questions.

The action taken at the June meeting was to “receive the presentation” only, as comments were still being submitted and edits to the draft plan documents were in process. In addition, the planned countywide public forum anticipated that additional comments would be forthcoming.

The virtual public forum was held (*via Zoom webinar*) on June 22, with approx. 100+ attendees (including consultants, staff, local officials, and community members) present at some point during the meeting. Comments and questions were accepted before, during, and after the forum up until July 1. The consultant team has now completed the final plan (including Evacuation Plan, Vulnerability Assessment, and Public Outreach Plan components) which is on today’s agenda for “acceptance” by MCOG. As previously reported, formal “adoption” of the plan by MCOG is not required, as that would only be needed for the agency implementing the plan (possibly the County).

The Evacuation Plan will be presented by Category Five staff to the County Board of Supervisors, for possible adoption as an annex to the County’s Emergency Operations Plan. It is possible that the version that becomes part of the County Plan may have additional changes, if requested by the County. Category Five staff is currently working with Sheriff’s department personnel to schedule this presentation in September.

Category Five staff is not required to attend this meeting, as their contract only included one presentation to the MCOG Board (which occurred in June). The final plan documents have been posted to the MCOG website at www.mendocinocog.org under the “Meetings” tab for Aug. 17. Staff will be available to respond to questions.

This regional planning project was originally programmed in MCOG’s FY 2019/20 Overall Work Program (*and carried over to FY 2020/21*), funded with a Caltrans Adaptation Planning Grant of \$247,884, plus \$32,116 in local matching funds, for a total of \$280,000 (\$35,000 MCOG Staff; \$245,000 Consultant). Category Five’s contract totaled \$236,140.

ACTION REQUIRED: Accept Final Vulnerability Assessment, Public Outreach Plan, and Evacuation Plan

ALTERNATIVES: (1) Conditionally accept final plan documents; or (2) Do not accept final plan documents.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept Final Vulnerability Assessment, Public Outreach Plan, and Evacuation Plan.

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