

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the 2015 Floodplain Management Plan (FMP).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the 2015 FMP so that the Bureau of Engineering can submit it to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) prior to October 1, 2015, in order to remain in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS).
2. DIRECT the Bureaus of Sanitation and Street Services, and other responsible departments, to provide the City Engineer with annual reports on the progress of the implementation of the programs identified in Chapter 14, Mitigation Action Plan, of the 2015 FMP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Engineering reports that funding for the ongoing activities identified in the 2015 FMP, Table 14-1, Recommended Flood Mitigation Actions (Transmittal No. 1), will remain the same and therefore there should be no additional fiscal impact to the General Fund. Other activities identified in the 2015 FMP that are not currently ongoing, will remain on the Recommended Flood Mitigation Actions List until responsible department(s) can identify appropriate funding for implementation.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In their report to the Board of Public Works dated August 19, 2015, the Bureau of Engineering discusses the 2015 FMP. The Bureau states that the FMP was designed to identify the City's known flood problem areas; establish goals, objectives, policies, and implementation programs to reduce flooding and flood related hazards; and, ensure that the natural and beneficial functions of our floodplains are protected. The 2015 FMP contains four parts: Part I describes the Plan background and the planning process, Part 2 assesses the flood risk in the City from several sources, Part 3 identifies mitigation strategy, and Part 4 describes the process for the annual progress report.

According to the Bureau of Engineering, the NFIP was established by the U.S. Congress with the passage of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to provide flood insurance to flood prone communities. The City of Los Angeles joined the regular phase of this program in 1980 which made available federally-backed mortgage insurance and loans to all City residents. Since October 2007, the City has received a Class 7 rating which means the residents within FEMA designated Special Flood Hazard Zones receive a 15 percent flood insurance premium discount and others in the City, outside the Special Flood Hazard Zones, receive a 5 percent discount.

In order to maintain the City's current Class 7 rating, the Bureau of Engineering states that the City must adopt an updated FMP by October 1, 2015. The City must annually evaluate the progress of those implementation programs identified in the FMP and submit the progress report to FEMA during its annual CRS recertification. This annual report will be prepared under the

guidance of the same committee that developed the FMP. Failure to submit an annual evaluation report will reduce the City's CRS rating to Class 10 and eliminate the insurance premium discount for the City's resident. The Board of Public Works approved the Bureau's recommendations.

At its meeting held September 14, 2015, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee recommended that Council approve the 2015 FMP, and related action, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

BUSCAINO: YES

MARTINEZ: YES

PRICE: ABSENT

O'FARRELL: YES

RYU: YES

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