

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VISALIA ADOPTING THE
MULTI-JURISDICTION LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF
VISALIA.

WHEREAS, The City of Visalia recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, an adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Visalia fully participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this local hazard mitigation plan with the City of Visalia and Special Districts along with other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the California Office of Emergency Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX officials have reviewed the Tulare County Multi-Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and approve it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

WHEREAS, the City of Visalia desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Tulare County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the governing body for the City of Visalia demonstrates the jurisdiction’s commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Visalia City Council demonstrates the jurisdiction’s commitment of fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Visalia adopts the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Visalia adopts the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan by reference into the safety element of their general plan in accordance with the requirements of AB 2140; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Visalia will submit this adoption resolution to the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA Region IX officials to enable the plan's final approval in accordance with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and to establish conformance with the requirement of AB 2140.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City of Visalia on the 15th day of July, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Brian Poochigian, MAYOR

Michelle Nicholson, Chief Deputy City Clerk