

November 6, 2023

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item #1 Public Comment Speaker's Cards & Written Comments Received

<u>Speaker's Cards</u> – *In order of receipt*

• **Speaker 1** – Michael Allen (*Included Written Comment*)

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Name

Michael Allen

City Council Meeting Date

Mon, 11/06/2023

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Brief Overview of What You Wish to Discuss

Request to rescind a previous restriction to post signs

Do you Represent an Organization?

Yes

Name of Organization

Florence Climate Emergency Campaign

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To: Mayor Ward, City Councilors, City Manager Reynolds, and Community Development

Director FarleyCampbell

From: Michael Allen, Florence Climate Emergency Campaign

Date: November 6, 2023

Subject: Request to rescind a previous restriction to post signs

I am writing to ask the City of Florence to honor my right to free speech and rescind a previous restriction on posting signs along the edge of the road during our climate strikes in front of city hall.

After posting five "Burma Shave style" signs for about two years, City Code Enforcement Officer Dan Frazier told us he received a complaint and that the signs along the edge of Highway 101 had to be removed because they were blocking the right of way. I told him then, and I repeat it now, the signs do not impede the right of way of anyone.

The signs provide the message: "Forests are burning, Sea levels Rise, People are starving, Do you know why? -- Climate Change." These popular signs were donated to us by a long time resident of Florence. (see photo).



As an example of signs that have been placed along the edge of Highway 101 in front of City Hall, I refer you to the signs placed by the Kiwanis that honored the Siuslaw High School graduates in 2020. They also did not block the right of way of pedestrians. (see photo).



Why should our signs be treated differently?

At a sit down meeting with Mayor Ward, I told him we will continue our climate strikes. His response was that it is important to educate the public.

I understand from Wendy Farley Campbell that my request has been given to the city attorney for review.

I ask the City of Florence to respond favorably to this request so we can continue to share these popular and educational signs with the public.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT PURCHASE

INVESTMENT POLICY

- Council adopted at its May 4, 2020 meeting
- The investment policy was approved by the Oregon Short-Term Fund Board
- Fund safety foremost objective
- Market rate of return
- Maximum 2.5 years weighted maturity

DIFFERENCE IN INVESTMENTS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL

- No risk of loss
- Current interest rate is 5.0%
- No time commitment

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

- No risk of loss
- Interest rate offered by Banner
 Bank is 5%
- Time commitment of purchase

WHY BUY CD'S?

- Contracted with Banner Bank to switch purchase card program
 - Banner Bank program cannot provide for the City's needs
- Current program pays rebate based on purchases
- Banner Bank will remove requirement to move purchase program

ACTION

- Approve Resolution No. 22, Series 2023, authorizing Administrative Services Director to purchase up to \$3 million in Certificates of Deposit with Banner Bank
- Approve Resolution No. 22, Series 2023 as amended, authorizing Administrative Services Director to purchase up to \$3 million in Certificates of Deposit with Banner Bank
- Not approve Resolution No. 22, Series 2023, authorizing Administrative Services Director to purchase up to \$3 million in Certificates of Deposit with Banner Bank

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

 Approve Resolution No. 22, Series 2023, authorizing Administrative Services Director to purchase up to \$3 million in Certificates of Deposit with Banner Bank



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NO: 3

Meeting Date: November 6, 2023

Department: PD/PW

ITEM TITLE:

Approve the purchase of two (2) new 2024 Ford F150 4x4 Full Hybrid pickup trucks for the Police Department for a total purchase price of \$156,123.94.

DISCUSSION/ISSUE:

Florence Police Department is in need of a versatile vehicle to respond to various emergencies while at the same time provides the proper equipment in order to be efficient, effective and more importantly provide for the safety of the officers in the field. Florence Police Department is wanting a vehicle that is right sized, lessens their impact on the environment, have less scheduled maintenance, and provides a minimum of 2,000-pound payload and 10,000 pounds



2023 Ford F150 Super Cab full gas electric hybrid. Representative photo as this is the new truck in Public Works Fleet. New Police F150 will be agate metallic black in color.

of towing capabilities. After much research, discussions and test driving a similar vehicle in the Public Works fleet, the Police Department has determined that the vehicle best suited for their needs are two 2024 F150 Super Crew Cab 4x4 full gas electric hybrid.

The new F150 full gas electric hybrid is a four-door super crew cab that is four-wheel drive; provides 7.2 kW onboard power; trailer tow package; 10 speed hybrid electric automatic transmission;

and backup camera package. The gas electric engine provides EPA fuel economy of 24 miles per gallon (mpg) in the city and 24 mpg on the highway. As one can imagine, police vehicles spend a lot of time idling on the job. With on-board electrical equipment that can be powered

using the lithium-ion hybrid battery, this allows the gasoline engine to shut off — running only intermittently to charge the battery. That's what makes the hybrid powertrain on the new F150 full gas electric hybrid vehicle ideal for law enforcement. The hybrid four-wheel drive drivetrain provides improved handling stability and traction in all driving conditions. It also offers significant improvements in fuel economy and reduced engine idle time (compared with the previous model), along with



Mockup of a F150 Super Cap full gas electric hybrid

across-the-board improvements in performance and capability.

We utilized the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN) to secure the purchase of the vehicle. In addition, we also cross referenced the price of a new vehicle with the National Auto Fleet Group Sourcewell which is a national competitively solicited cooperative contract.

ORPIN provides access to procurement and contracting information issued by the State of Oregon, local governments, and political subdivisions of the state. This allows us the purchasing power of the state, where by the state has already negotiated contract pricing. The purchase price from Johnston Motors, based on the ORPIN pricing, is:

2024 Ford F150 4x4 Super Cab Full Hybrid Vehicle \$51,908.04 each

As a comparison, the MSPR for the 2024 Ford F150 Super Crew Cab 4x4 full gas electric hybrid is \$59,960 (vehicle only). The Sourcewell pricing from National Auto Fleet Group is \$53,651 which is \$1,742.96 greater than what we can purchase a vehicle directly from our local Ford dealership. Johnston Motor Company is a long-established new Ford vehicle dealer and has a proven record of support to the City.

In addition, this vehicle will need to have lights, siren, partitions, and system packages (two-way radio, iPad holders, etc.) installed. The 'upfitting' of the vehicle is a separate purchase from a company that specializes in the installation and outfitting of emergency response and service vehicles. The City has selected Lehr to complete the 'upfitting' of this vehicle. Lehr is a long-established accessory installer and has outfitted all of our previous patrol and Public Works vehicles. They are a premier emergency vehicle upfitter in Oregon, trusted by the majority of the emergency response fleets.

Components and installation from Lehr are based on ORPIN pricing. The purchase of the components and system packages, including installation, is:

Lights, siren, radio, partitions, system packages and installation \$26,153.93 each

Total costs to purchase the vehicle and 'upfitting' is:

2024 Ford F150 Super Crew Cab 4x4 full gas electric hybrid \$78,061.97 each

FISCAL IMPACT:

During the 2023-25 biennium budget process, \$210,000 was budgeted in the Police Department fund for the purchase of replacement vehicles during the biennium, which included \$70,000 for a 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle that has not been delivered yet due to supply chain issues.

On November 6, 2023, Ford Motor Company announced that they would no longer be offering the F150 in a full gas electric hybrid in the base trim XL model, but would offer it in the higher XLT trim. Due to the large police fleet demand for gas electric hybrid vehicles in the Police Responder model and corresponding lag time from order to deliver, we strategized to purchase an XL in order to receive the vehicles sooner. However, as mentioned Ford is no making the full gas electric hybrid available in the XL trim model. The XLT trim model is slighter more expensive, but does come with some additional items, such as the integrated trailer brake controller and the 360-camera option, plus electric adjustable seats.

This means that we need an additional \$8,100 of funding to purchase the vehicles. In discussion with the City Manager, we have determined that through personnel savings in Public Safety (Police) and potential capital outlay savings from the scheduled HVAC replacement at the Justice Center, we can allocate an additional \$15,000 to the available funding.

Police Vehicle Funding in FY2023-25	\$210,000
Savings from personnel and other Capital Outlay	<u>\$15,000</u>
Total Funds Available	\$225,000
Police Interceptor purchased but not received	\$61,975.50*
2024 Ford 150 4x4 Super Cab full hybrid	\$78,061.97
2024 Ford 150 4x4 Super Cap full hybrid	\$78,061.97
Total purchases	\$219,102.44
Excess funds	\$6,900.56

The proposal submitted by Johnston Motors for two (2) new 2024 Ford F150 Super Crew Cab 4x4 full gas electric hybrid and Lehr for police lights, siren, and systems package is \$156.123.94 (\$78,061.97 each).

Typically, we order one vehicle a year (one in the first year of the biennium and one in the second year of the biennium). However, due to the continuing supply chain issues related semi-conductors and micro-chips, we have decided to order both vehicles now since there is no guarantee that one or both vehicles will arrive prior to June 30, 2024.

Since we have not received the 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle, it may be delivered as a 2024 with new pricing. We have anticipated this and can draw upon savings from the parking lot seal project at the Justice Center of \$969.72; personnel savings; and possibly delay one HVAC unit replacement at the Justice Center. In total this accounts for the additional \$15,000 that would be available towards the purchase of these vehicles.

With the additional \$15,000, the purchase of the vehicles is fully funded.

RELEVANCE TO ADOPTED CITY WORK PLAN:

- City Service Delivery efficient and cost-effective city services by maintaining and enhancing our fleet vehicles as feasible.
- Livability & Quality of Life being responsive to our community's needs with efficient, effective and sustainable equipment.
- Communication & Trust strengthening citizen trust by protecting the community's investment in our capital vehicle purchases.
- Financial & Organizational Sustainability purchasing equipment that supports current and future needs.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Do not approve purchase.
- 2. Request formal bids.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign purchase agreements as follows:

- Two (2) 2024 Ford F150 Super Crew Cab 4x4 full gas electric hybrid pickup trucks from Johnston Motor Company for \$103,816.08 (\$51,908.04 each)
- Police lights, siren, and systems package, including installation from Lehr for two (2) 2024 Ford F150 Super Crew Cab 4x4 full gas electric hybrid pickup trucks in the amount of \$52,307.86 (\$26,153.93 each)

Total purchase request is for two (2) Ford F150 Super Crew Cab 4x4 full gas electric hybrid pickup trucks, with upfitting by Lehr, is \$156,123.94 (\$78,061.97 each).

AIS PREPARED BY:	Mike Miller, P	Mike Miller, Public Works Director			
CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:	Approve Comments:	□ Disapprove ERReynolds	□ Other		
ITEM'S ATTACHED:	None	V			

Police Fleet Vehicle Purchase

Mike Miller Director of Public Works





2023 Ford F150XL Super Crew Cab Gas Electric Hybrid in Public Works





Purchase Power







MSPR

\$59,960 each

Sourcewell

\$53,651 each

ORPIN

\$51,908.04 each

Upfitting by Lehr

Lights, siren, radio, partitions, system packages and installation

\$26,153.93 each



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\$78,061.97 each

Police Vehicles Budgeted in FY 2023-25

Savings from personnel and other Capital

Total Funds Available

Police Interceptor purchased but not received

2024 Ford F150 4x4 Super Cab full hybrid

2024 Ford F150 4x4 Super Cab full hybrid

Funds Remaining

\$210,000

\$15,000

\$225,000

\$61,975.50

\$78,061.97

\$78,061.97

\$6,900.56





Relevance to City Work Plan

La City Services Delivery



Livability & Quality of Life

Communication & Trust

Financial & Organizational
Sustainability

Alternatives

- Do not approve purchase
- Request formal bids

Recommendation

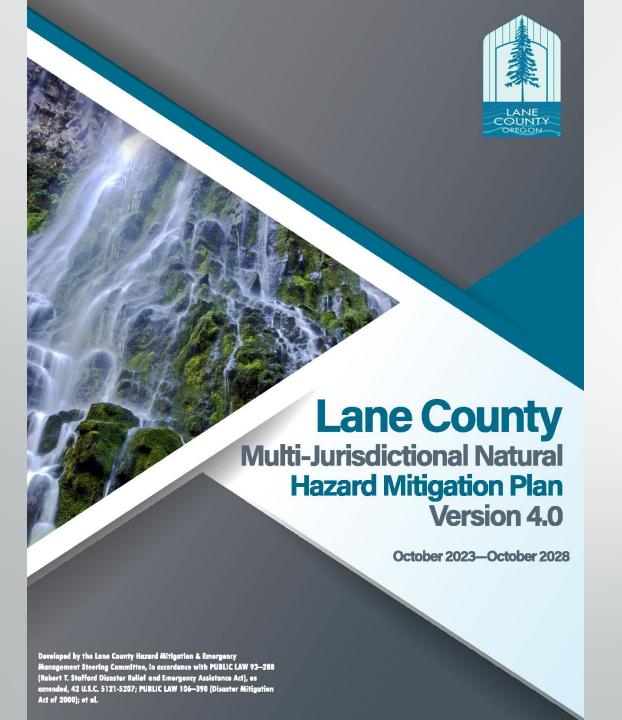
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Total purchase request \$156,123.94 (\$78,061.97 each)







Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

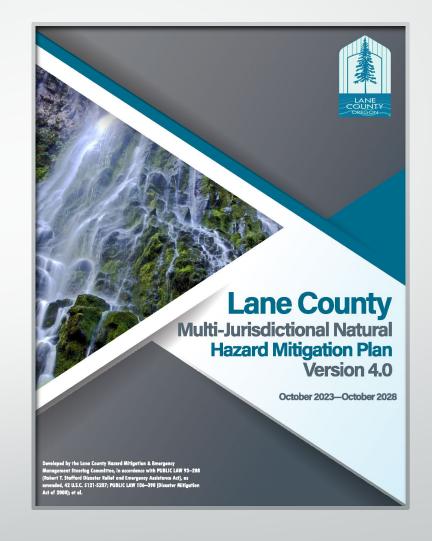
Five Year Update to Lane County's Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, including the City of Florence Annex

November 6, 2023

Purpose of the Plan

CFR 44 §201.6 (Local Mitigation Plans)

The local mitigation plan is the representation of the jurisdiction's commitment to reduce risks from natural hazards, serving as guide for decision makers as they commit resources to reducing the effects of natural hazards. Local plans will also serve as the basis for the State to provide technical assistance and to prioritize project funding.



Contributors

Expanded participation by 1 city since previous Plan (Lowell) 8 of the 12 cities now participate with the County

Added 3 utilities to the Plan that operate in Lane County

Stakeholder entities not annex to the Plan, City of Eugene, Springfield, EWEB, SUB, Rainbow WD, Willamalane, & Southwest Forest Collaborative























Plan Update Summary

10 Types

Natural Hazards Profiled

9 Months

Plan Update Completed

380 Responses

Comments Received from the Public

88 Mitigation Action Items

17 County Action Items61 City Partner Action Items10 Utility Partner Action Items

6 Regional Workshops

Facilitated by Lane County Emergency Management

68 Total Participants

About the Process

Lane County & Florence Annex

Update Process Timeline

July - October 2023 April - June 2023 State & Federal Review **Prioritize Action Items** January - March 2023 **Local Adoption** October - December 2022 & Finalize Plan Document October 2022 **Develop Mitigation Strategy Conduct Risk Assessment** Plan Update Kickoff Review period Vet mitigation actions and Convened Steering prioritize actions that provide Evaluate vulnerability and Committee to initiate the Profile Hazards clear hazard mitigation benefits discuss capability to OEM Reviews, handoffs off to update process mitigate risk among plan FEMA Region X participants Assess Hazard Explore Lane County's plans for Established roles and Vulnerability to People, opportunities to integrate FEMA Review, Communications responsibilities across **Buildings**, and Community planning actions for hazard risk Lane EM facilitates 3 Required Revisions partners Lifelines reduction (e.g., CWPP & CIP) Regional Workshops with Public Stakeholders (Florence, Eugene, & Lane EM executes plan Lane EM present to Map Hazards Areas Lane EM facilities 3 regional revisions and resubmits plan to Lowell) committee members workshops with public FEMA on October 2 about requirements for stakeholders (Florence, Eugene, NHMP updates Lowell) Identify a suite of Plan brought to Board of mitigation best practices County Commissioners on for Lane County's risk Compute Degree of Risk Construct plan document and October 10, 2023, for adoption profile - Steering per Hazard finalize, delivered to OEM for Committee discusses top review on June 26 priorities

Engagement & Outreach

- Rural Lane Public Survey(Feb. Mar. 23')
- Regional NHMP Workshops (6 in total)
- Individual & Group Stakeholder Meetings
 - City of Florence staff met with WLFEA to develop the components of the Florence Annex on April 7th.
- Public Comment Period (June 2023)

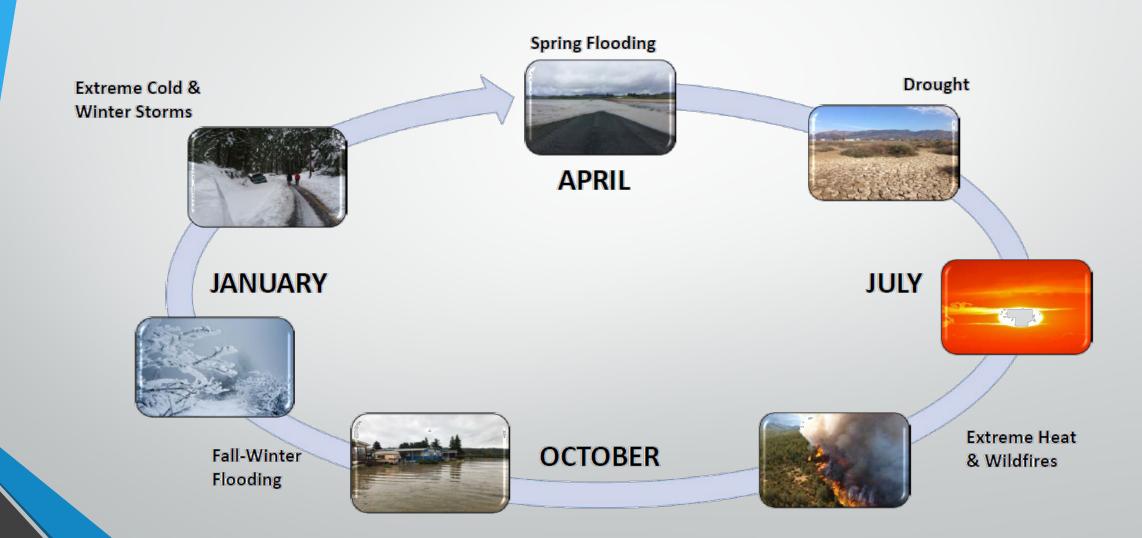


the Plan.

About the Plan

Lane County Multi-Jurisdiction Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Seasonal Hazards



Anytime & Any Season Hazards

Windstorms



Straight-line wind damage | via AP Images

Earthquakes



7.8 magnitude earthquake, Hatay, Turkey, Aug. 2023 | via Fatih Renkligil, Wikipedia Commons

Landslides & Debris Flows



Rain induced landslide washing out portion of Highway 58 | *via ODOT*

Tsunami



Tsunami wave approaching and striking Miyako City in Japan following the 2011 Great Tohoku Earthquake (9.0 mg) | via I-EARN-USA/flickr

Volcano



Eruption of Mount Fagradalsfjall in Iceland in 2021 | via Vilhelm Gunnarsson/Getty Images

Hazard Risk Profile, Lane County

Results from the 2023 MNHMP Update, Hazard Quantification Review profiling natural hazard risk in Lane County

Hazard	History (WF x 2)	Probability (WF x 7)	Vulnerability (WF x 5)	Max Threat (WF x 10)	Total Risk Score
Winter Storm	20	70	40	70	200
Wildfire	20	56	40	80	196
Flood	20	63	40	70	193
Windstorm	18	49	40	80	187
Earthquake	6	28	45	100	179
Extreme Weather	16	63	30	70	179
Landslide	20	56	40	40	156
Tsunami	8	28	20	80	136
Drought	16	56	10	20	102
Volcano	4	14	10	40	68

Source: NHM-SC

Lowest Possible Score: 24 Highest Possible Score: 240

WF = Weight Factor

A hazard quantified at 240 has 10x more risk relative to a hazard scored at 24.

Fiscal Benefits of Mitigation

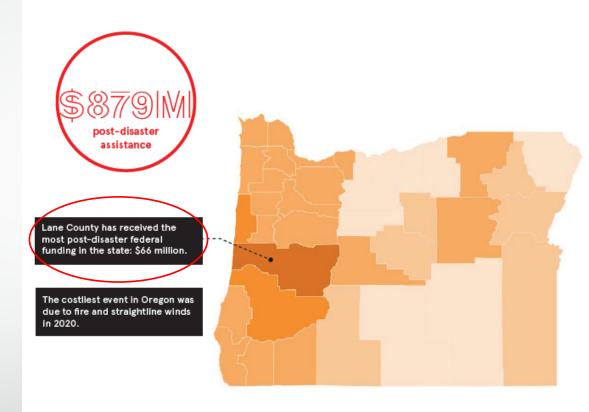
For every dollar of federal hazard mitigation grant monies spent, \$6 on average are saved in response and recovery expenditures.

	Overall Benefit-Cost Ratio Cost (\$ billion) Benefit (\$ billion)	11:1 \$1/year	4:1 \$4/year \$16/year	#520 \$2200	4:1 \$0.6 \$2.5	6:1 \$27 \$160
1	Riverine Flood	6:1	5:1	6:1	8:1	7:1
6	Hurricane Surge	not applicable	7:1	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
a	Wind	10:1	5:1	6:1	7:1	5:1
極	Earthquake	12:1	4:1	13:1	3:1	3:1
8	Wildland-Urban Interface Fire	not applicable	4:1	2:1		3:1

Source: National Institute of Building Sciences, 2019, Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE 2011–2021

POST-DISASTER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND HAZARD MITIGATION FUNDS OBLIGATED BY COUNTY FOR CLIMATE DISASTERS





Source: FEMA 2021

Maps courtesy of iParametrics

\$1B to \$9B

Mitigation Strategies

Five Key Objectives

- 1) Seismic Hardening of Critical Infrastructure
- 2) Enhance Community Resiliency
- 3) Enhance Regional Context of Hazard Risk and Cascading Impacts
- 4) Implement Foundational Actions for Long-Term Risk Reduction
- 5) Promote Regional Collaboratives as Entities for Implementing Risk Reduction Projects

Community Lifelines





Definition

A lifeline enables the continuous operation of critical business and government functions and is essential to human health and safety or economic security.

Purpose

Root Cause Analysis

Interdependencies

Prioritization

Ease of Communication

Assessing

Status ----- What?

Impact — → So What?

Actions ------- Now What?

Limiting Factors → What's the Gap?

Community Impact

Occurs when basic lifeline services or capabilities are disrupted and reduce their ability to provide critical services to survivors.



Enforcement/

Security

Fire Services

SAR

Search and

Rescue





Hydration



Shelter

Agriculture



Government Services



Food, Hydration Shelter



Medical Care



Patient Movement



Public Health



Fatality Management







Power (Grid)



Warnings, and

Infrastructure

((A))



911 and Dispatch



Responder Communications



Finance



Highway/Roadway

Mass Transit



Facilities





Water Infrastructure







Aviation



Maritime

What is the ultimate goal?

Implementing the Plan

Forming &
Sustaining
Collaboratives

County Departments & Annex Cities/Utilities

Community Serving Organizations & Citizens Groups/Nonprofits

Secure Funding

Federal FEMA, EPA, HUD Grant Programs State Grants for Mitigation Work (OSFM, OEM, DLCD, ODHS)

Execute Projects

Hazard and Risk Analyses, Project Scoping, Planning Process, Regulation and Code Reviews Infrastructure Hardening, Fuels Reduction, Backup Power Capacity, Seismic Retrofits

About the Florence Annex

Lane County Multi-Jurisdiction Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Hazard Risk Profile, Florence

Table 4.3: Florence Hazard Quantification Results

Hazard Type / Weight Factor (WF)	History	Probability	Vulnerability	Maximum Threat	Raw Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score
	WF x 2	WF x 7	WF x 5	WF x 10			Rank
Windstorm	9	10	6	10	35	218	1
Wildfire	6	7	8	10	31	201	2
Tsunami	10	7	5	10	32	194	3
Winter Storm	8	8	6	7	29	172	4
Earthquake	2	3	7	10	22	160	5
Landslide	10	6	5	4	25	127	6
Tidal Impacts	8	8	6	2	24	122	7
Coastal Erosion	8	9	4	2	24	119	8
Drought	4	2	1	7	14	97	9
Flood	8	3	2	2	15	67	10
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Source: Florence Hazard Mitigation Team Extreme Weather

Volcano

Lane

County Rank

Lane County

Score

187

196

136

200

179

156

102

193

179

68

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Mitigation Projects

Each project has identified coordinating agencies, implementation timeline (if applicable), a project cost, funding source(s), hazards mitigated, and project summary.

Included in Previous Plan

- Public Works Operations Center Completed
- Erosion Control Measures for Rhody Drive In Process
- Seismic Retrofit for Water Supply Tanks & Foundation Reinforcement
- Seismic Reinforcements for Relation for WLFEA Fire Statin #2
- Highway 126 Trestle Overpass at Cushman

New with Updated Plan

- Regional Public Agency & Emergency Fuel Center
- Siuslaw River/Coast Guard Road Slope Stabilization Project
- Tsunami Siren Updates
- Port of Siuslaw Bulkhead
- Utility Line Undergrounding
- Firewise Education & Programs in the North UGB

Next Steps

Lane County & Annexes

Plan Adoption

Lane County made FEMA recommended edits and has submitted for final approval.

Lane County Adopted: October 10, 2023

October-November: Jurisdiction Approvals



Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 44 Section 201.6(c)(5): The plan must include the following:

Documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan (e.g., City Council, County Commissioners, Tribal Council, Board of Directors, etc.). For multijurisdictional plans, each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan must document that is has been formally adopted.

City of Florence Adoption

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 23, Series 2023, a resolution adopting the 2023-2028 Lane County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan and Annex 4 — City of Florence, in support of the Florence Realization 2020 Comprehensive Plan, and repealing Resolution No. 10, Series 2019.

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City Council Meeting

Agenda Item #4 2023-2028 Lane County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) Adoption Speaker's Cards & Written Comments Received

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Brief Overview of What You Wish to Discuss

The Lane County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (MNHMP)

Do you Represent an Organization?

Yes

Name of Organization

Florence Climate Emergency Campaign

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To: Mayor Ward, City Councilors, City Manager Reynolds and Assistant City Manager Messmer

From: Michael Allen, Florence Climate Emergency Campaign

Date: November 6, 2023

Subject: The Lane County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (MNHMP)

I support the City of Florence in adopting the Lane County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (MNHMP). It is an important step for three reasons.

First, A Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre-and post-disaster mitigation grant programs. Joining a multijurisdictional plan provides opportunities to jointly seek grants for large resiliency projects with other governmental entities.

Second, It establishes an opportunity to work closely with Lane County staff as outlined in the City's work plan. The work plan calls for "maintaining a quality environment and sustainable future." To do this the City Council established a task calling for "staff participation in the Lane County Climate Action Plan development process to represent the coast in planning efforts."

You have done this by appointing Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer to the steering committee for the MNHMP.

Third, In evaluating climate adaptation efforts previously explored by the County, the NHMP planning team found that action items included in the Phase 3 Climate Resilience element of the overall Climate Action Plan most aligned with the objectives and goals of the MNHMP.

The Lane County Muti-jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has 180 references to "climate" and mentions "climate change" 55 times. In so doing they recognize the impact of climate change on the increased frequency and severity of hazards resulting from climate change.

I urge the City of Florence to recognize the importance of prioritizing climate resilience when dealing with natural hazards. Adopting this plan will bring you into alignment with Lane County and its emphasis on climate change.

P.S. Links for more information about the Lane County MNHMP and the adoption by the City of Florence:

https://www.lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/lane_county_emergency_management/mitigation_plan

https://cdnsm5hosted.civiclive.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_3585797/File/Government/County%20Department s/Emergency%20Management/Hazard%20Mitigation%20Plan/Lane%20County%20MNHMP%20V4_Full%20Plan.pdf

https://www.ci.florence.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/mayor and council/meeting/packets/25251/11. 6.2023 city council meeting materials.pdf

One of the tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.

Arnold H Glasow, American author