



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

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DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DATE: 3/29/23

MEETING DATE: 4/25/23

SUBJECT / TOPIC: 2023 Floodplain Management Plan

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Resolution No. 2023-15: Adopt the 2023 Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) including the updated Venice Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Project List

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal One: Keep Venice Beautiful and Eco-Friendly

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: For Council Adoption by Motion

This Five-Year Update of the Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) and Local Mitigation Strategy Project List has been prepared and is being presented to City Council for adoption. This Five-Year update is a requirement of the Community Rating System program, along with yearly reports. The City adopts the Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI) to enhance the effectiveness of our public outreach and to conform the messages county-wide. This PPI is now formally included within the FMP in this update. Formal scoring of the updated Community Rating System (CRS) program is scheduled for July 2023 to determine compliance with the program. The City of Venice is a class 6, which provides a 20% discount on most flood insurance policies written by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This equates to a saving of \$697,246 that is saved on flood insurance policies throughout the City.

The CRS Committee met quarterly (a total of six times) to discuss the updates to the FMP. During these quarterly meetings the CRS Committee reviewed outreach activities completed during the year, evaluated the effectiveness of the program, considered implementing changes to the CRS program, provided review of the 5-Year update to the FMP and provided an opportunity for public input. A public input survey was also made available on the website. As stipulated in the FMP, the public meeting of the City Council also provides an opportunity for public input. Upon adoption, the FMP will be generally made available to the public and posted at www.venicegov.com.

As part of the continuing effort to complete mitigation projects and obtain grant funding assistance, the Unified Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) project list was updated to highlight projects completed in the last year and add future projects. The updated Unified LMS project list is incorporated into the FMP as an updated to the Sarasota County Unified LMS Plan. Using

this county-wide approach for public outreach will maximize the resources available to the City while reducing duplicated costs. The LMS committee will continue to meet quarterly to evaluate opportunities to improve the effectiveness of the floodplain management and outreach activities.

All Program for Public Information (PPI) activities included in the City's FMP and the Sarasota County Multijurisdictional Program for Public Information have been completed. Additional outreach was conducted to increase public access and clarify flood maps, to provide clearer messages in the PPI about site visits, mitigation assistance and property flood protection and creating additional outreach materials for social media. The desired outcomes of the PPI and activities remain community awareness and increased flood insurance coverage in the SFHA. The committee sees no need to revise these outcomes at this time.

The community remains a Class 6 community at this time, however, the Three-Year Cycle Evaluation is scheduled for July 19, 2023. Throughout the past three years, the CRS program elements have been implemented and improved to increase the effectiveness of the program.

Requested Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-15, the 2023 Floodplain Management Plan including the adoption of the Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Project List.

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