



MEMORANDUM

City of Venice

Engineering Department

TO: Edward Lavalley, City Manager

THROUGH: Kathleen Weeden, PE, CFM, City Engineer

FROM: Kathryn Harring, CFM

DATE: August 13, 2019

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: August 27, 2019

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Keep Venice Beautiful and Eco-Friendly

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2019-10 Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) 2019 Annual Update including Adoption of Updated Venice Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Project List and Sarasota County Multijurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI)

Background: Annually, the Floodplain Management Plan and Local Mitigation Strategy Project List are updated and presented to City Council. This year we are adding adoption of the Multijurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI) to enhance the effectiveness of our public outreach and to conform the messages county-wide. Adopting the PPI is also expected to increase our credits through the Community Rating System (CRS) with the potential to increase policy discounts to residents for certain flood insurance policies written by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The following is a summary of activities completed as outlined in the CRS Annual Re-certification guidelines:

Since the CRS annual cycle has been adjusted to May instead of September, we are conducting an annual update with formal 5 year cycle update to the FMP scheduled for November 2019. The CRS Committee has met three times since the annual update of the FMP in 2018. During these quarterly meetings the CRS Committee has reviewed outreach activities completed during the year and evaluated opportunities to considered implementing changes to the CRS program. As stipulated in the FMP, this report as submitted to City Council, will be generally made available to the public.

The needs and goals of the community, pertaining to hazards and risks, have not

changed substantially since the adoption of the FMP on 11/05/18. The needs and goals of the community will continue to be reviewed on an annual basis with a shift of schedule to April 1 in 2020 for 5 year cycle update to coincide with updated cycle May – April for 2020.

All new construction and substantial improvements are required to comply with the city floodplain ordinance and construct above the 100 year floodplain elevations. The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) also requires that floodplain compensation calculations be completed to reduce any off-site floodplain impacts.

The population numbers were updated based on the US Census annual estimations available.

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

All Program for Public Information (PPI) activities included in the City's FMP, adopted 11/5/2018, have been conducted and projects for next year have been updated. In addition, staff is recommending adopting of the Sarasota County Multijurisdictional Program for Public Information that will enhance our efforts county wide and will be in addition to local outreach activities.

A Flood Insurance Analysis (FIA) was conducted, using information received from FEMA in May 2018 and incorporated into the FMP. Based on this analysis, the number of flood insurance policies have increased this year due to the addition of new structures and outreach efforts.

No additional updates of the floodplain ordinance has been completed this year.

Additional outreach was conducted to clarify to condominium owners that the association building coverage does not cover their contents, increased public access and clarify of flood maps, clearer message 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 CIP 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 and continues to review the CRS program against our most recent audit results, making changes to the CRS program and FMP as deemed necessary and beneficial for both CRS scoring and the community in general.

In conclusion, the LMS project list has been updated to reflect completion of project and additional projects for consideration for future grant funding. The Floodplain Management Plan has been updated to incorporate data since the last adoption in 2018 and to include adoption of the Sarasota County Multijurisdictional Program for Public Information. Using this county-wide approach for public outreach and increased insurance coverage will maximize the resources available to the City while reducing duplicated costs. The committee will continue to meet quarterly to evaluate opportunities to improve the effectiveness of the floodplain management and outreach activities.

Requested Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2019-10 Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) 2019 Annual Update including Adoption of Updated Venice Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Project List and Sarasota County Multijurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI).

If for an agenda item, this document and any associated backup created by City of Venice staff has been reviewed for ADA compliance: Yes

City Attorney Review/Approved: Yes

Risk Management Review: N/A

Finance Department Review/Approved: N/A

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