



**Item 7.a: Memorandum of Understanding for 2023  
Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan**

*February 14, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting*

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# Local Hazard Mitigation Plan - Background

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 amended the Stafford Act to include Title 44, Chapter 1.

- This requires all State, Local and Tribes to identify natural hazards that could impact their communities.
- This also requires all State, Local and Tribes to identify actions and activities that could reduce losses.
- Local governments are required to prepare and adopt a jurisdiction-wide plan, known as Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP).
- At a minimum, jurisdictions are required to review and update their LHMP every 5 years.

## Importance of a LHMP



Presents a strategy  
for reducing the City's  
vulnerability and  
strengthening  
community resilience



Serves as a guide for  
decision-makers as  
resources are  
committed



Allows the City to be  
eligible for FEMA Pre-  
Disaster Mitigation  
and Hazard Mitigation  
Grant programs



Lays the foundation  
for General Plan  
policies and is  
referenced in Safety  
Element



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## Union City's Current MLHMP

- On July 11, 2017, the City partnered with the City of Newark, ACWD, and USD to adopt the 2016-2017 Union City/Newark MLHMP.
- On August 18, 2017, the 2016-2017 Union City/Newark MLHMP was approved by FEMA.
- This new MLHMP will supersede the existing, aforementioned MLHMP.



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## MLHMP Timeline



**May 2021**

City of Union City, City of Fremont, City of Newark, ACWD, and USD agreed to submit a Notice of Intent for a FEMA Grant to hire a consultant to help prepare a MLHMP for all agencies



**June 2021**

All partnering agencies signed a Letter of Commitment as part of FEMA Grant application



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## MLHMP Timeline (cont'd)

**June 2021**

City of Fremont submitted the sub-application to Cal OES/FEMA

**September  
2022**

FEMA notified Cal OES approval of grant for preparation of MLHMP

**December 2022**

City of Fremont released Request for Proposal for a consultant to prepare the MLHMP



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## MLHMP Timeline (cont'd)

**January 2023**

MLHMP Project Management Team held interviews for selection of a consultant

**February 2023**

A consultant was selected and City of Fremont to begin negotiations with Foster-Morrison on behalf of all agencies

**March/April 2023**  
Kick Off

**December 2023**  
Completion

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## Memorandum of Understanding

- While City of Fremont will be the lead agency for the FEMA Grant, MOU formalizes joint participation as well as the shared financial risk associated with the FEMA Grant.
- City of Fremont would be authorized to enter into a contract with a Consultant to prepare a MLHMP on behalf of all parties.
- MOU provides a Scope of Work for the Consultant to prepare a draft MLHMP for review by all parties.
- Each party will have the opportunity to provide comments and edits to the Contractor about the MLHMP prior to final version.
- Each party is responsible for a portion of costs – Union City's share shall not exceed \$32,401.72.
- Union City shall pay its portion through in-kind services of staff assigned to this project.





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## Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution amending approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Union City, City of Newark, City of Fremont, Union Sanitary District, and Alameda County Water District for the development of a Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (MLHMP).