


Office of the City Manager

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Christine Daniel, City Manager 

Subject: Final Drafted Posted: 2014 Update to the City's
Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)

The Final Draft of the City's 2014 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) update has been posted on the City's website (www.CityofBerkeley.info/Mitigation) and at City libraries. Staff will present the Final Draft Plan at two commission meetings, at which community members are invited to provide their feedback:

- 1) February 26, 2014 -- Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
- 2) March 19, 2014 -- Planning Commission

Because the LHMP will be an amendment to the City's General Plan, the Planning Commission must make a recommendation to Council on the Final Draft Plan at the Commission's March 19th meeting. This meeting will serve as the First Public Hearing for the 2014 LHMP.

Following these Commission meetings, staff will work with the California Office of Emergency Services to submit the Final Draft Plan to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and "approval pending adoption." When FEMA issues this approval, staff will bring the FEMA-approved Final Draft Plan to Council for adoption (est. summer 2014).

This is the second phase of the LHMP public review process. From October 21 – December 20, 2013, the First Draft Plan was posted on the City website and at City libraries for review and comment by the Berkeley community. All commissions were invited to provide feedback on the First Draft Plan, and 19 commissions and boards chose to review the plan at a meeting. In total, eleven Commissions, one Board, and twelve community representatives provided written feedback on the First Draft Plan.

Following receipt of Commission and community feedback, staff incorporated appropriate community comments to develop the 2014 Final Draft Plan.

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

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