


Office of the City Manager

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Christine Daniel, City Manager 

Subject: 2014 Update to the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP);
Public Comment Process

The First Draft of the City's 2014 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) update has been released on the City's website (www.CityofBerkeley.info/Mitigation) and at City libraries. Members of the public are invited to provide written feedback on the document until Monday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m.

All Commissions have been requested to agendize the First Draft Plan at their meetings, and to provide written feedback on any areas of significant concern before Monday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m. From October - December 2103, staff present the Plan's development process, hazard analysis, and proposed mitigation strategy First at meetings of the Planning Commission and the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission. Following the public comment period for the First Draft Plan, staff will review and incorporate appropriate feedback from Commissions and community members into the Final Draft Plan.

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. Staff will present the Final Draft Plan to the Planning Commission at its January 15 meeting. This meeting will be the first Public Hearing for the Final Draft Plan. At this meeting, staff will request the Commission's recommendation to Council on the Final Draft Plan.

Because the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission closely monitors the City's preparedness and mitigation efforts, staff will request that the Commission make a recommendation to Council on the Draft Plan. Staff will present the Final Draft Plan to the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission at its January 22 meeting. At this meeting, staff will request the Commission's recommendation to Council on the Final Draft Plan. The Final Draft Plan will be brought to City Council for review and adoption in spring 2014.

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The Executive Summary and Actions for the First Draft LHMP update are attached.
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Attachment: 2014 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: First Draft Executive Summary and
Actions

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