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Section A. Monitoring, Evaluating, and Updating the Plan

Gaps in the Current LHMP

The best available current information was used when the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency Local Hazard Mitigation Plan was written. As soon as appropriate information is available, existing gaps in data will be filled. The following areas will be updated in future editions of the LHMP:

- A more thorough soils investigation will be done into the potential of expansive soils affecting MRWPCA facilities
- If evidence of expansive soils is found, a strategy will be developed to mitigate for this condition
- More accurate financial data on infrastructure value and replacement value will be obtained
- An investigation will be done into the feasibility of utilizing HAZUS software for the assessment of damages to MRWPCA facilities from natural hazards

Method and Schedule for Monitoring, Evaluating and Updating the Plan

The MRWPCA Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is intended to be a dynamic document which will be updated periodically. While the official version of the plan will be bound, a three-ring binder format will be made for members of the Local Hazard Mitigation Committee, in order to keep the document easy to use, review and update.

The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee will be responsible for overseeing implementation of the hazard mitigation strategy. The committee will start a major update of the risk and vulnerability assessment and mitigation strategy sections of the plan within four years of FEMA approval. The plan will be fully up-to-date within the five-year cycle, as required by FEMA.

The four-year review will include the following monitoring and evaluation tasks:

- Notable changes in the Agency's risk to natural or manmade hazards
- Impacts of land development activities and related programs on hazard mitigation
- Progress on the implementation of the plan. If necessary, this will include identification of problems and suggested improvements. Progress will be tracked by the use of a spreadsheet listing each mitigation goal, its purpose, mitigation actions, status, funding status, responsible department and relevant hazards
- Actual progress implementing the plan versus expectations
- The adequacy of resources for the implementation of the plan

Method and Schedule for Updating the Plan Within the Five-Year Cycle

The plan was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency on ***** and it is anticipated that it will be approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in *****. As stated above, the MRWPCA LHMP Committee will begin a major plan update four years after FEMA approval and will have the update completed within the five-year cycle.

Section B. Incorporation into Existing Planning Mechanisms

Other Local Planning Mechanisms and Process for Incorporation of Appropriate Requirements into Other Plans

Several MRWPCA documents include suggested mitigation measures for the impacts of natural and man-made hazards. The MRWPCA Business Response Plan gives mitigation measures for natural and man-made hazards. In addition, the Seismic Vulnerability Evaluation, Wastewater Collection System, Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, the Review of Potential Damage to Force Mains at 10 Pump Stations due to Long-Term Settlement for the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency; and the Enhanced Spill Prevention Plan include suggested mitigation for earthquake, settlement and spills. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan includes input from the above documents and formalizes mitigation strategies. After the agency officially adopts the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, it will become the official planning document for hazard mitigation strategies.

Section C. Continued Public Involvement

Planned Continued Involvement Activities

The Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency will encourage the public to participate in the ongoing updating of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Public access to the plan and to the various revision processes will be made through mechanisms described below:

- Copies of the plan will be kept on hand at the Regional Treatment Plant, located at 14201 Del Monte Boulevard, Marina and at the Administrative Office, at 5 Harris Court, Monterey.
- Contained in the hard copies of the plan are the address and phone number of the MRWPCA Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Working Group contact person, who is responsible for monitoring public comments and accepting suggestions regarding plan revisions.
- A downloadable copy of the plan and any proposed changes will be posted on the Agency's website (www.mrwPCA.org), This site will also contain an email address and phone number to which people can direct their comments or concerns.
- Future updates of the plan will be discussed at Board of Directors meetings, which are open to the public. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings and to make comments on the plan.

Any public comments received relative to the plan will be collected and will be included in reports to the Board of Directors and will also be considered by the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee during future plan updates.