



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 8/18/11)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA # 2-7 DATE 6/21/12

MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 6/21/12  
Agenda Item #: R.7  
Est. Start Time: 10:35 am  
Date Submitted: 6/12/12

**Agenda Title:** Adopt the 2012 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** June 21, 2012 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes  
**Department:** Non-Departmental **Division:** Emergency Management  
**Contact(s):** Luis Hernandez  
**Phone:** 503-988-6041 **Ext.** 86041 **I/O Address:** Suite 400  
**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Joe Partridge, Deputy Director for Preparedness & Planning and Luis Hernandez, County Response Readiness Coordinator

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adoption of 2012 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The County is required to review and revise the FEMA approved County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years. The plans adoption provides eligibility to apply for mitigation project grants through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

### 3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

There is no fiscal impact.

### 4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is non-regulatory in nature. The plan should be viewed as a strategy for long-term risk reduction from natural hazards.

### 5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

This plan provides a foundation for coordination and collaboration among agencies and the public in the County. Multnomah County citizens have been involved throughout this renewal process by participating in a survey for the general public and two community workshops; one at the Job Corps facility in the east county and the other at the Linnton Community Center in the west county. There was also a survey for organizational stakeholders from schools, businesses, special districts, and cities within the County. Brief presentations were made at standing meetings and other emergency management

sponsored events. Interviews were held with key stakeholders including state and federal partners within the County. Information regarding the project was available on the County Website and the project team used an online collaboration site to manage the project and communicate with the steering committee. Multnomah County citizens will continue to be engaged over the life of this plan through public meetings, educational opportunities and through accessing and learning about progress made on the County website.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected Official  
or Department/  
Agency Director:**

David Houghton /s/

6/13/12

**Date:**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Region X  
130 228th Street, SW  
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FEMA

June 5, 2012

Mr. Dennis Sigrist,  
State Hazard Mitigation Officer  
Oregon Military Department  
Office of Emergency Management  
P.O. Box 14370  
Salem, Oregon 97309

Dear Mr. Sigrist:

As requested, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed a pre-adoption review of the *Multnomah County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan*. The plan successfully contains the required criteria, excluding the adoption, for hazard mitigation plans, as outlined in 44 CFR Part 201. This letter serves as Region 10's commitment to approve the plan upon receiving documentation of its adoption by the County.

The plan will not be formally approved by FEMA until it is adopted. The County is not eligible for mitigation project grants until the plan is formally approved by FEMA.

Please contact our Regional Mitigation Planning Manager (Acting), Brett Holt, at (425) 487-4553 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kristen Meyers  
Risk Analysis Branch Chief (Acting)  
Mitigation Division

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