



## MEMORANDUM

To: Public Safety Subcommittee  
From: Abdul Ahmad, Division Chief  
Date: November 16, 2016  
Subject: November 2016 Office of Emergency Management Report

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**Mission:** The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for minimizing the impact of natural and man-made disasters by establishing readiness through city-wide prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

**Current Preparedness Level:** SEMS is the system required by Government Code §8607 (a) for managing response to multi-agency and multi-jurisdiction emergencies in California. SEMS provides for a multiple level emergency response organization and is intended to structure and facilitate the flow of emergency information and resources within and between the organizational levels.

### Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

The California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Hazard Mitigation Planning Division is responsible for a comprehensive local and state planning program. Mitigation requires the coordinated effort and participation of a wide range of stakeholders and the public in the planning process. Hazard mitigation is the cornerstone of every communities approach to reducing vulnerability to disasters. Hazard mitigation is the only phase of emergency management specifically dedicated to breaking the cycle of damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. The planning process is as important as the resulting plan because it creates a framework for the state of California to reduce the negative impacts from future disasters on lives, property, and the environment.

In 2011 the City of Moreno Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) was designed to reduce or eliminate the long-term natural or man-made hazard risks to human life and property for the City of Moreno Valley and its citizens. This plan completely replaced the 2004 Riverside County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan which Moreno Valley City Council adopted on January 25, 2005 (Resolution No. 2005-11). This plan was developed to the City of Moreno Valley's specific needs rather than summarized in fill-in the blank forms and yes and no

questionnaires utilized in the 2004 multi-jurisdiction plan.

The City of Moreno Valley Local Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), as amended by Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and the 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201 – Mitigation Planning. The goals of the plan are to: 1) Protect life, property and the environment; 2) Provide public awareness; 3) Protect the continuity of government; and 4) Improve emergency management, preparedness, collaboration and outreach.

Currently, the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is being reviewed and updated to reflect the growth; identification of additional hazards; and seeking of potential grant funding to assist with mitigation strategies. It is anticipated this draft update to the LHMP will be completed and submitted to CalOES and FEMA by the end of this year.