

**NINE STEP PLANNER
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS WORK SESSIONS**

This form needs to be reviewed and approved by the board **before** a work session is scheduled.

REQUESTED BY: **Clark County Risk Management**

1. **TOPIC:** **Clark Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP)**

2. **WORK SESSION:** *MEMBERS TO PRESENT AND ATTEND THE WORK SESSION:*

Mark Wilsdon (Risk Manager)
Mike Lewis (Emergency Response Coordinator)
Scott Johnson (CRESA Emergency Manager)
Anthony Vendetti (CRESA- NHMP Lead)
Chris Horne (Prosecuting Attorney's Office – Chief Civil Deputy)
TETRA-TECH Rep (Plan contractor) *(ONLY- if needed)*

3. **TIME FRAME:**

LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED: 2 hours
DESIRED DATE: 8 February 2017

SCHEDULED DATE OF WORK SESSION: _____

4. **TIMING CONSIDERATIONS:** *Why now?*

Upon approval of the Clark Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan by the State of Washington Emergency Management Division (EMD) and approval pending adoption by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region X, the plan must be formally adopted by the Board within a specified window. We expect this State and FEMA approval in late December 2016.

The Planning Partnerships goal is to have all adoptions completed by 30 April 2017.

5. **DESIRED RESULTS:** *What is being asked of the Board?*

The intent of this Work Session is to make the Board aware of the Clark Regional NHMP and its contents, especially the portions that apply to Clark County, in preparation for formal adoption.

At the conclusion of the session we would like to schedule a date for formal adoption of all of Volume 1 and the introduction, appendices and the Clark County Jurisdictional Annex of Volume 2.

6. **IMPACTS (COMMUNITY/FINANCIAL/STAFF/OTHER):** *Why should the Board hear about this?*

Each participating jurisdiction must have its governing body formally adopt the plan via resolution or ordinance BEFORE final approval of the plan from FEMA is granted.

Community Impact –

The NHMP has potential to have a significant positive impact on the community as demonstrated by the purpose, goals and objectives of the plan.

The NHMP's is to define natural hazard risk and, through collaboration and partnerships, establish strategies and actions for reducing the impacts of disasters in Clark County.

Goals include:

- *Reduce and prevent loss of life/property.*
- *Protect public services and critical facilities from impacts of natural disaster*
- *Increase public awareness of vulnerability to natural hazards and educate on risk reduction strategies.*
- *Promote community resilience.*
- *Protect environmental resources and utilize natural systems to reduce natural hazard impacts.*
- *Develop and implement cost-effective mitigation strategies.*

Objectives include: (not a complete list)

- *Inform the public on the risk exposure and ways to increase public capability to prepare, respond, recover and mitigate the impacts of events.*
- *Reduce the impacts of hazards on vulnerable populations.*
- *Improve and maintain systems that provide warning and communications.*

Financial Impact-

The plan complies with hazard mitigation planning requirements to establish eligibility for FEMA grant programs.

Of the 24 mitigation actions, 17 are primarily accomplished by staff time with no/minimal general fund, 1 will require funding by general fund, 3 will require grant funding to accomplish, and 2 will require a combination of grant/general fund.

Staff Impacts –

Primary impacts will be in providing staff time to setup and accomplish the mitigation actions. The affected Directors and Managers were involved/consulted in the selection of our jurisdictional annex mitigation actions.

Other Impacts –

As the most recent natural hazards risk assessment, the plan will be used to inform other planning efforts and will be integrated into other plans, programs, ordinance and codes where appropriate.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS: *Are there implications for County or Department Policy; if so, what?*

One of the key mitigation actions is to integrate the NHMP into other plans, programs, ordinances and codes. The plan will be used to inform other plans/policies etc. of the hazards and potential issues and where appropriate integrated with other plans, policies, programs, etc.

8. **ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED:** *What should the Board be aware of? Is there some disagreement or controversy? What are the options?
County adoption is critical to the plan. No current or expected controversy I am aware of. As parts of the NHMP are integrated into other plans, ordinances and codes, especially those dealing with the Comp Plan, land use, building, flood zones, etc. the potential for controversy may increase from those unaware of or misinformed about the NHMP.*

9. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** *What will be asked of the Board at the conclusion of the work session?
Move forward with formal adoption as soon as possible. Goal is to have formal adoption completed no later than 30 April 2017.*

APPROVED FOR SCHEDULING:

Signature of requestor:

DATE: _____