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LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE – PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT

SEAL BEACH, CA — The City of Seal Beach is seeking community feedback on the Public Review Draft of the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update.

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires approved hazard mitigation plans to be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hazard mitigation grant funding. Receipt of FEMA grant funding is critical to implementing mitigation projects and programs.

The LHMP provides a framework for our community to reduce vulnerability to natural hazard events such as earthquakes, drought, and wildfires, and human-caused hazards (hazardous materials spills, pandemics). The purpose of mitigation planning is to identify programs and take actions that can be implemented over the long term to reduce risk and future losses when an emergency or disaster occurs. Mitigation plans form the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.

Your participation in the planning process is extremely important and vital to the success of the LHMP update. **To identify and plan for future natural disasters, we need your feedback!**

The Public Review Draft LHMP is available as of Wednesday, June 18, 2025, for public comment (<https://sealbeachpd.com/local-hazard-mitigation-plan/>). **The deadline for public review comments is Wednesday, July 2, 2025.**

The Draft Public Review LHMP update includes:

- A summary of natural and human-caused hazards that pose a risk to the community, including past disaster events that occurred within the last five years;
- A vulnerability assessment, to describe populations and assets at risk to future disasters;
- A hazard mitigation strategy, including an action plan for the City to carry out over the next five years; and
- Plan maintenance and monitoring instructions to ensure the LHMP remains up to date.

Please direct all public review feedback comments to bgray@sealbeachca.gov.

After public comment concludes, the LHMP will be sent to state and federal agencies for review and approval. Once approved, the LHMP will be brought to the Seal Beach City Council for local approval. LHMPs remain active for a five-year period.

For any additional information, please contact Sergeant Brian Gray, Emergency Services Coordinator, at bgray@sealbeachca.gov.

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