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# SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** January 6, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Resolution adopting the Wasatch Front Region Natural Hazards Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan

**AFFECTED COUNCIL DISTRICTS:** Citywide

**STAFF REPORT BY:** Quin Card

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT. AND CONTACT PERSON:** Salt Lake City Emergency Management Program  
Cory Lyman, Program Director

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*The following information was taken from a Transmittal prepared by Cory Lyman and sent to the Council Office to outline this update.*

## KEY ELEMENTS:

- A. To be eligible for Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning, project or FEMA disaster relief funding, a city must adopt the Pre-Disaster Mitigation plan by resolution.
- B. The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act, signed into law in 2000, requires state and local governments to identify natural hazards, risks and vulnerabilities, and to formulate strategies, goals and objectives to mitigate the risks associated with the identified hazards.
- C. In 2001 the State chose the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) to coordinate the development of mitigation plans in Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake, Tooele and Weber Counties for the Regional Plan in 2003.
- D. The 2003 WFRC Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan was approved by the State and FEMA and adopted by all cities and counties.
- E. FEMA requires the plans be updated every five years and provided funding to each county to help facilitate the plan update process.
- F. Through working with each county's pre-disaster mitigation planning committee, the 2008 updated plan updated the demographic, transportation hazard and risk information.
- G. As part of the update process the 2003 mitigation strategies were reviewed and accomplishments noted, and new mitigation strategies were formulated.
- H. Specialized Local Districts (SLD) which are defined in State code as a local district with a body corporate, having perpetual succession, a quasi-municipal corporation and is a political subdivision of the state, were included in the update process. At least 85 local SLD's were included in the plan including: school, water, sewer, fire, recreation, cemetery, etc, as well as regional SLD's like UTA.
- I. FEMA approved the 2008 WFRC Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan in August of 2009.
- J. The natural hazards, risks and vulnerabilities identified for Salt Lake County included:
  - 1. Dam Failure
  - 2. Drought
  - 3. Earthquake
  - 4. Flooding
  - 5. Landslide

6. Wildfire

**MATTERS AT ISSUE /POTENTIAL QUESTIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION:**

- A. The Council is being asked to consider adopting a resolution endorsing the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. Endorsement of the plan is required for the City to be eligible for FEMA disaster relief funding as well as future projects or updates to the plan.

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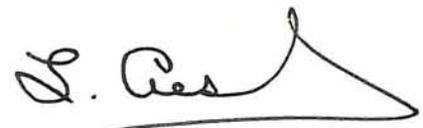
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Date sent to Council: 10/29/2009

**TO:** Salt Lake City Council  
Carlton Christensen, Chair

**DATE:** 22 October 2009

**FROM:** Lyn Creswell, Director of Administrative Services



**SUBJECT:** Resolution Adopting the Wasatch Front Region Natural Hazards Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan

**STAFF CONTACT:** Cory Lyman, Emergency Programs Manager  
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**DOCUMENT TYPE:** Resolution

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council approve the Resolution adopting a Natural Hazards Pre-Disaster Plan.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act was signed into law in 2000. It requires state and local governments to identify natural hazards and risks and vulnerabilities and to formulate strategies, goals and objectives to mitigate the risks associated with the identified hazards.

In 2001 the Wasatch Front Regional Council was chosen by the State to coordinate the development of these plans in Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake, Tooele and Weber Counties for the first Regional Plan in 2003. The 2003 WFRC Regional PDM plan was approved by the State and FEMA and adopted by all cities and counties. FEMA requires the plans to be updated every five years. The plan update process has been going by WFRC and the counties for the past two years. FEMA provided planning funding to each county to help to facilitate the plan update process.

Working with each county's pre-disaster mitigation (PDM) planning committee, the 2008 WFRC PDM plan updated the demographic, transportation hazard and risk information. 2003 mitigation strategies were reviewed and accomplishments noted as part of the update process. New mitigation strategies were formulated in the 2008 planning process. Specialized Local District (SLD) more commonly called Special Service Districts were

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included in the 2008 PDM plan update. SLD's are defined in State code as a local district with a body corporate, having perpetual succession, a quasi-municipal corporation and is a political subdivision of the State. There are at least 85 local SLD's included in the plan, including: school, water, sewer, fire, recreation, cemetery, etc., as well as regional SLD's like UTA.

To be eligible for PDM planning, project or FEMA disaster relief funding, a city, county or SLD's must adopt the PDM plan by resolution. The final draft of the plan was placed on the WFRC website, [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org) in June 2009. FEMA approved the 2008 WFRC PDM Plan in August 2009.

SCANNED TO:  
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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2009  
(Wasatch Front Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan)

A resolution adopting the Wasatch Front Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, as required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act of 2000.

WHEREAS, President William J. Clinton signed H.R. 707, the Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act of 2000 into law on October 30, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all jurisdictions to be covered by a Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan to be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) post-disaster funds; and

WHEREAS, the Wasatch Front Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements as 4 C.F.R. 201.6; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City is within the Wasatch Front Region and participated in the update of the multi-jurisdictional Plan, the Wasatch Front Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City is concerned about mitigating potential losses and has determined that it would be in the best interest of the community to adopt the Wasatch Front Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of Salt Lake City that:

1. The City adopts the Wasatch Front Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (Attachment A hereto).

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST AND COUNTERSIGN:

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CITY RECORDER

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APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Salt Lake City Attorney's Office  
Date 10/21/09  
By [Signature]

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