

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER

Jefferson County All-Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee

(Jeffco AHMAC)

December 6, 2022

☒ For Information – Brief Progress Update

Issue: The AHMAC serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners. It was established by the Board of County Commissioners by Resolution No. CC21-262 dated September 28, 2021.

The Office of Emergency Management and AHMAC Chair would like to provide a progress update on the first year of business of the AHMAC, as defined in the adopted plan.

Background: The purpose the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners (the "BCC"), All-Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee (the "AHMAC") is to serve as an advisory body to the policy makers, judiciary, and stakeholder groups to implement the hazard mitigation strategies outlined in the Jefferson County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (the "HMP") to reduce or avoid long-term vulnerabilities throughout the geographic county. The HMP is the cornerstone policy-level document for county hazard mitigation. Any requests for mitigation funding should be based on and tied to the hazards and mitigation strategies in the HMP. Once the HMP was adopted, the plan faces the truest test of its worth: plan implementation and maintenance.

References

- Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000
- FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Handbook
- Jefferson County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (updated every 5yrs)
- Robert T. Stafford Disaster Act and Emergency Assistance Act
- Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations § 201.6

Discussion: The AHMAC meets, at minimum, annually to monitor and evaluate plan implementation and to update the plan as required or as progress, roadblocks, or changing circumstances are recognized. Updates to the plan will follow the latest FEMA and Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) planning guidance.

In 2022, the Jefferson County AHMAC met quarterly to initiate implementing and maintaining the Hazard Mitigation Plan, to create a sustainable organizational structure, develop and adopt by-laws, built out infrastructure for project tracking, and to amplify hazard mitigation educational and grant opportunities.

In 2023, the AHMAC has tentative goals to: create a subcommittee focused on the task of developing a methodology for prioritizing the mitigation action items included in the 2021 HMP; Monday.com mitigation project tracking; develop annual reporting processes; public outreach and education, as feasible; interfacing with the County's Climate Action Plan; continued communication about hazard mitigation grant opportunities.

The AHMAC will develop an annual report to be released in the 1st quarter of the following year. The next HMP update will occur in 2026, pursuing the planning grant for the update in 2024 and project kick-off in 2025.

Fiscal Impact: The Jefferson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan allows the County to be eligible for pre- and post- disaster mitigation grant dollars. Every \$1 invested in disaster mitigation saves \$6. The AHMAC will steward the implementation of the HMP. County staff time dedicated to AHMAC will vary, but at minimum, a few hours a year to participate in annual progress reporting and plan update.

Revenue Limits Impact: No

- FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program does NOT impact TABOR.
- SPA Review: Does not apply
- Facilities Review: Does not apply
- BIT Review: Does not apply
- Fleet Review: Does not apply
- Human Resources Review: Does not apply

Recommendations: Staff recommends the BCC continue support of the AHMAC and continued encouragement for the County to pursue funding opportunities to support mitigation projects.

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Support Documentation

Current List of the 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Participating and Adopting Agencies:

Jefferson County
City of Arvada
City of Edgewater
City of Golden
City of Lakewood
City of Wheat Ridge
Town of Morrison
Jefferson Conservation District
Lookout Mountain Water District
Denver Water
Arvada Fire Protection District
Elk Creek Fire Protection District
Evergreen Fire Rescue
Fairmount Fire Rescue
Foothills Fire Protection District
Genesee Fire Protection District
Golden Gate Fire
Indian Hills Fire Protection District
Inter-Canyon Fire Protection District
North Fork Fire Protection District
West Metro Fire Protection District