

RESOLUTION NO. 19- 5194

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE  
GENERAL PLAN TO INCLUDE THE HAZARD  
MITIGATION PLAN AS AN APPENDIX.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES HEREBY  
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The State of California requires all local jurisdictions to adopt a Safety Element and to revise this document as appropriate, as one of seven mandated elements required in the General Plan. The West Hollywood General Plan 2035, adopted in 2011, includes a Safety and Noise Element that addresses all State requirements for a Safety Element.

SECTION 2. On November 5, 2018, the City Council adopted the West Hollywood Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), which was subsequently approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on November 8, 2018. The HMP describes the City's process for identifying hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and prioritizing mitigation action. In order for the City of West Hollywood to be eligible for certain reimbursements from the State of California, for expenses incurred as a result of a natural disaster, State law requires that the HMP be incorporated by reference into the Safety and Noise Element of the West Hollywood General Plan, thus the City has prepared this amendment to comply with state law.

SECTION 3. A public hearing was duly noticed for the Planning Commission meeting of April 18, 2019, by publication in the Beverly Press newspaper, the West Hollywood Independent Newspaper, and the City website and by announcement on City Channel 6 starting on April 4, 2019. The Planning Commission approved the resolution.

SECTION 4. A public hearing was duly noticed for the City Council meeting of June 3, 2019 by publication in the Beverly Press newspaper, the West Hollywood Independent Newspaper, mailings sent to neighborhood groups, the City website, required posting locations, and by announcement on City Channel starting May 23, 2019.

SECTION 5. The proposed General Plan Amendment is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) because the project will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. In light of the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2). This is a Hazard Mitigation Plan, approved by FEMA, that explains the plan for emergency situations only. Emergencies by their nature are temporary and this plan is aimed at protecting the health and safety of

residents and property to the extent feasibly in an emergency. There are no physical changes to the environment proposed.

SECTION 6. The City Council hereby finds that this Resolution is consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan, including Goal SN-1 of the Safety and Noise Element, which states that the City should reduce injury and damage from natural hazards, to protect the community from avoidable risk and harm by factoring natural hazards such as seismic hazards, flooding, landslides, subsurface gas, and fires into community planning and outreach, maintenance and upgrades, emergency response and municipal operations. Inclusion of this plan clarifies the relationship between the HMP and the General Plan and does not impede any General Plan Goals or Policies.

SECTION 7. The General Plan Table of Contents shall be amended to include the Hazard Mitigation Plan as an appendix, as follows:

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**Appendix A: Hazard Mitigation Plan (2018)**

SECTION 7. The first paragraph of the Section titled "Context" on page 10-4 in the Safety and Noise Element of the General Plan shall be amended to read, as follows:

**Context**

West Hollywood is susceptible to fire, earthquakes, flooding, landslides and mudslides, subsurface gas, as well as potential public exposure to hazardous materials. These are described in greater detail below. The West Hollywood Hazard Mitigation Plan (Appendix A) describes the process for identifying hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and prioritizing mitigation actions, and is included as an appendix to the General Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	Duran, Heilman, Meister, and Mayor D'Amico.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.



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JOHN D'AMICO, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK