



**RESOURCE
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COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: December 18, 2018 – REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Counsel Sign-Off	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: 559-624-7000				

SUBJECT: Administrative amendment to the Health and Safety Element to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (GPA 18-004)

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Hold a Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. or shortly thereafter.
2. Affirm that on March 20, 2018, the County of Tulare adopted a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.
3. Approve the findings and recommendations of the Planning Commission.
4. Approve a Statutory Exemption consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) and Section 15061(b)3, the general rule exemption.
5. Adopt General Plan Amendment No. GPA 18-004 to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Health and Safety Element which includes updated language in the Introduction on Page 10-3 and updated language in Policies 7.8 and 7.9 on Page 10-59.

SUMMARY:
The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA-2000), along with certain provisions of the Government code and supporting State and Federal regulations, provide a framework for local jurisdictions to develop and adopt approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMP) in order to access mitigation funds under Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs. California Government Code §8685.9 also makes jurisdictions with currently adopted plans which are incorporated into the Health and Safety Element of the General Plan eligible for supplemental California Disaster

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Assistance Act funding if authorized by the legislature for a specific disaster pursuant to AB 2140.

Local governments are required to update their LHMP every five years in order to remain eligible for future federal disaster mitigation funding. In accordance with DMA-2000, the LHMP must describe the type, location, and extent of all natural hazards that can affect the jurisdiction; describe the jurisdictions vulnerability to these hazards; include a mitigation strategy that provides the jurisdictions blueprint for reducing the potential losses; and, contain a plan maintenance process.

The 2018 Tulare County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP or Plan) was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 20, 2018 (BOS Resolution No. 2018-0195). The LHMP is a cooperative effort between the County, the incorporated cities of Dinuba, Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, Tulare, Visalia, and Woodlake, the Office of Education, and the Tule River Tribe. This Plan represents the first update to the County's inaugural 2011 Plan, and continues the multi-jurisdictional approach to leverage technical and financial synergies amongst the participating jurisdictions, culminating in a plan that can be utilized both as a basis for emergency planning as well as a tool to guide mitigation efforts and obtain Federal funding. FEMA does require the County's Health and Safety Element be amended to incorporate the 2018 LHMP to ensure continued eligibility for project grants under FEMA's hazard mitigation assistance programs, including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre- Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance grant programs.

General Plan Amendment

The proposed administrative amendment to the Health and Safety Element is intended to update the existing Health and Safety Element, as amended by the Board of Supervisors on November 15, 2016 (BOS Resolution No. 2016-0896). This is referred to as an "administrative" amendment because the Board previously amended the Health and Safety Element in 2016 (GPA 16-004) to include Policies HS-7.8 Tulare County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan, and Policy HS-7.9 Climate Adaptation and Resiliency. As the LHMP update was adopted in 2018, the State requires the County to not only adopt updates to the LHMP but to include reference to these updates within the Health and Safety Element through adoption of a resolution to that effect.

The proposed General Plan Amendment implements three minor administrative amendments into the Tulare County General Plan Health and Safety Element:

1. Health and Safety Element Introduction Page 10-3 is amended as follows:

The ~~2014~~ 2018 Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) for the Tulare Operational Area (County and all cities and special districts) was developed in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) and followed FEMA's ~~2008~~ 2013 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan guidance. The LHMP incorporates a process where hazards are identified and profiled, the people and facilities at risk are analyzed, and mitigation actions are developed to reduce or eliminate hazard risk. The implementation of these mitigation actions, which include both short- and long-term strategies, involve planning, policy changes, programs, projects, and other activities. <http://tularecounty.ca.gov/oes/index.cfm/mitigation/>.

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2. Health and Safety Element Page 10-59 is amended as follows:

HS-7.8 Tulare County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

The County incorporates the adopted 2018 Tulare County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (BOS Resolution No. 2018-0195) into the Tulare County General Plan Health and Safety Element. The plan provides guidance and insight into the hazards that exist in Tulare County and suggests possible mitigation projects. The plan should be consulted when addressing known hazards to ensure the general health and safety of Tulare County residents.

HS-7.9 Climate Adaptation and Resiliency

The County incorporates the Climate Adaptation and Resiliency strategies identified in California Government Code 65302 (g)(4) as adopted in the 2018 Tulare County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (BOS Resolution No. 2018-0195) and Tulare County Climate Action Plan into the Tulare County General Plan Health and Safety Element.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY:

Categorical Exemption consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) and Section 15061(b)(3) general rule exemption.

The Environmental Assessment Officer has approved the Categorical Exemption consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) and Section 15061(b)(3) general rule exemption as the proposed Health and Safety Element administrative amendment will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Government Code §65009(b) requires the County to include in any public notice pursuant to Government Code, Title 7, Planning and Land Use, a notice substantially stating all of the following: “If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the County of Tulare at, or prior to, the public hearing.”

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The Health and Safety Element 2018 Update is funded through the FY 2018/19 adopted budget.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:


Quality of Life – The County’s five-year strategic plan includes the Health and Safety Element, with a goal to plan and provide coordinated emergency preparedness,

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response, recovery and mitigation capabilities for both natural and man-made disasters. This Amendment to the General Plan supports the primary means for coordinating mitigation actions throughout Tulare County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

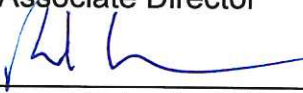


for
Aaron R. Bock, MCRP, JD, LEED AP

Interim Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning Branch



for
Michael Washam
Associate Director



Reed Schenke P.E.
Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Exhibit "A" Detailed Findings
Planning Commission Package

Attachment No. 1 – Planning Commission Resolution – CEQA and General Plan
Amendment (18-004)

Exhibit "A" – Categorical Exemption consistent with the California
Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of
Regulations (CCR), Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning
Studies) and Section 15061(b)(3) general rule exemption.

Exhibit "B" – General Plan Amendment (GPA 18-004).

Attachment No. 2 – Public Hearing Notice

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF ADMINISTRATIVE)
AMENDMENT TO THE HEALTH AND) Resolution No. _____
SAFETY ELEMENT TO INCORPORATE BY)
REFERENCE THE 2018 LOCAL HAZARD)
MITIGATION PLAN (GPA 18-004))

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 18, 2018,
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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The Board of Supervisors:

1. Held a Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. or shortly thereafter.
2. Affirmed that on March 20, 2018, the County of Tulare adopted a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.
3. Approved the findings and recommendations of the Planning Commission.
4. Approved a Statutory Exemption consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) and Section 15061(b)3, the general rule exemption.
5. Adopted General Plan Amendment No. GPA 18-004 to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Health and Safety Element which includes updated language in the Introduction on Page 10-3 and updated language in Policies 7.8 and 7.9 on Page 10-59.

Attachment 1

**Planning Commission Resolution – CEQA and
General Plan Amendment (18-004)**

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED)
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION AND)
ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT TO)
THE HEALTH AND SAFETY ELEMENT) RESOLUTION NO. 9556
TO INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE)
THE 2018 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION)
PLAN (GPA 18-004))
)

Resolution of the Tulare County Planning Commission recommending adoption to the Board of Supervisors the Proposed Amendment to the Health and Safety Element of the General Plan and Certification and adoption of the Categorical Exemption, under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) and Section 15061(b)(3) general rule exemption, for the Proposed Administrative amendment to the Health and Safety Element to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (GPA 18-004), is inclusive of the Proposed Administrative amendment to the Health and Safety Element to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (GPA 18-004).

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2016, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved an update to the Tulare County General Plan Health and Safety Element (GPA 16-004);

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2018, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved the 2018 Tulare County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has been given notice of the proposed amendment to the General Plan as provided in Section 65854 of the Government Code of the State of California;

WHEREAS, staff has made such investigation of fact bearing upon the proposed amendments to assure action consistent with the procedures and purposes set forth in the California Government Code, the State General Plan Guidelines, and other elements of the Tulare County General Plan;

WHEREAS, this resolution of the Tulare County Planning Commission of recommending adoption of this Categorical Exemption for the Proposed Administrative amendment to the Health and Safety Element to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (GPA 18-004), as being in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the State CEQA Guidelines;

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2018, under CEQA Guideline Section 15073, the Notice of Availability for this Categorical Exemption was sent for publishing to the Visalia Times-Delta, posting of the Categorical Exemption at the State Clearinghouse and relevant State Agencies, and notification for public review;

WHEREAS, this Categorical Exemption is for the Proposed Administrative amendment to the Health and Safety Element to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (GPA 18-004) inclusive of, General Plan Amendment No. GPA 18-004.

WHEREAS, the public hearing was conducted for this matter at the meeting of the Commission held on November 28, 2018;

WHEREAS, this resolution recommended approval and certification of the Categorical Exemption for the Proposed Administrative amendment to the Health and Safety Element to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (GPA 18-004) at the meeting on November 28, 2018;

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that the Staff of Tulare County RMA has conducted the necessary investigations (including environmental review of this matter); prepared a written Staff Report (made a part hereof), and provided additional information affecting this Categorical Exemption at the public hearings noticed, convened and conducted for this matter; and based on substantial evidence, submitted this Categorical Exemption for the consideration of, and action by, the Commission;

WHEREAS, through a good faith and substantial analysis of environmental impacts from this Project in the Initial Study, staff found, and the Commission agrees, that all impacts are less than significant, and therefore, the Categorical Exemption is the appropriate level of environmental review under CEQA for this Project;

WHEREAS, the Proposed Administrative amendment to the Health and Safety Element to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (GPA 18-004) will become consistent with the General Plan 2030 Update, and this Planning Commission, after considering all the evidence presented, hereby determines the following findings to be relevant in evaluating the proposed general plan amendment:

1. The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on November 28, 2018 on the proposed General Plan amendment and Categorical Exemption for the inclusion of updated language in the Introduction on Page 10-3 and updated language in Policies 7.8 and 7.9 on Page 10-59 of the Health and Safety Element of the Tulare County General Plan.
2. The Planning Commission finds that this amendment is exempt from environmental review as required by CEQA through the use of the "General Rule," Section 15061(b)3 that is applied to proposals, which will have no potential adverse impact on the environment.

3. The County of Tulare has developed a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare on March 20, 2018 and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved the plan on March 7, 2018. The plan provides guidance and insight to the hazards that exist in Tulare County and suggests possible mitigation projects. This plan should be consulted when addressing known hazards to ensure the general health and safety of Tulare County residents.
4. The Planning Commission finds that the proposed General Plan Amendment is in the public interest.
5. The Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors that it adopts the Planning Commission's recommended finding that the amendment is in the public interest and approve the General Plan amendment to amend updated language in the Introduction on Page 10-3 and updated language in Policies 7.8 and 7.9 on Page 10-59 of the Health and Safety Element of the Tulare County General Plan.

WHEREAS, a Categorical Exemption for General Plan Amendment No. GPA 18-004, Proposed Administrative amendment to the Health and Safety Element to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (GPA 18-004) was prepared by Tulare County Staff and approved by the Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer;

WHEREAS, in accordance with state and local ordinance, RMA Staff has given due notice of the public hearing for the Categorical Exemption that would be held for the purpose of receiving comment on the environmental document for GPA 18-004;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on November 28, 2018 at the regular Planning Commission Meeting in the Board of Supervisors Chambers where no public testimony was received on the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. This Planning Commission hereby recommends certification based on their findings and substantial evidence in the record that the analysis presented in the Categorical Exemption for the Proposed Administrative amendment to the Health and Safety Element to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (GPA 18-004) has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970;
2. The Commission further finds that the Categorical Exemption was reviewed and a Public Hearing was opened and closed at the conclusion of the items discussion, at a regular meeting of the Commission held on November 28, 2018.
3. The Commission is deemed the recommending body with respect to the Project Categorical Exemption and Health and Safety Element Update, unless duly appealed to the Tulare

County Board of Supervisors. In the context of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the County is the "Lead Agency."

4. Therefore, the findings made in regards to this Categorical Exemption for the Project are recommended by the Planning Commission as the Lead Agency on November 28, 2018, by Resolution No. 9556.

5. Consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) and Section 15061(b)(3) general rule exemption as the proposed Administrative amendment to the Health and Safety Element to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (GPA 18-004) will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment. The Commission hereby makes various findings relating to the less than significant effects identified in the Categorical Exemption. Based on substantial evidence in the Categorical Exemption and pursuant to the discussion in the Categorical Exemption, and the Public Record of Proceedings, the Commission finds that the Project will not cause a significant impact to the environment.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

A. The Commission finds that the public will benefit from the Project as it will implement the General Plan and advance socially desirable community improvements that are environmentally and economically sound.

B. The Secretary of the Planning Commission is hereby directed to file the Notice of Determination upon completion of the appeal period for this project.

C. The Categorical Exemption is available at the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at 5961 South Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, California 93277, (559) 624-7000. The custodian for these documents and other materials is Mr. Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner.

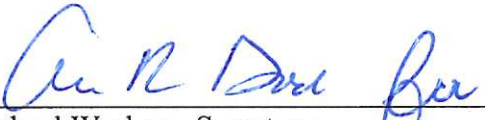
D. The Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Board of Supervisors certify and adopt the Categorical Exemption for GPA 18-004.

E. The Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors adopt General Plan Amendment No. GPA 18-004 the Proposed Administrative amendment to the Health and Safety Element to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The foregoing resolution was adopted upon motion of Commissioner Gong, seconded by Commissioner Pitigliano, at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on November 28, 2018, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Elliott, Whitlatch, Millies, Gong, Pitigliano, Dias
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Aguilar

TULARE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION



Michael Washam, Secretary

Exhibits:

A – Categorical Exemption
B – GPA 18-004

Exhibit "A"

**Exhibit "A" – Categorical Exemption consistent with
the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR),
Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) and
Section 15061(b)(3) general rule exemption.**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93291

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 624-7000
Attn: hguerra@co.tulare.ca.us

Applicant(s): Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 624-7000

Project Title: Administrative amendment to the Health and Safety Element to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (GPA 18-004).

Project Location - Specific: County of Tulare (Unincorporated Area)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: N/A

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA-2000), along with certain provisions of the Government code and supporting State and Federal regulations, provide a framework for local jurisdictions to develop and adopt approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMP) in order to access mitigation funds under Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs. California Government Code §8685.9 also makes jurisdictions with currently adopted plans which are incorporated into the Health and Safety Element of the General Plan eligible for supplemental California Disaster Assistance Act funding if authorized by the legislature for a specific disaster pursuant to AB 2140.

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Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- General Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies)
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) and Section 15061(b)(3) general rule exemption, as activities associated with the proposed Health and Safety Element administrative amendment will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Project Planner/Representative: David Bryant, Chief Planner **Area Code/Telephone:** 559-624-7130

By: _____ Date: _____ Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

By: _____ Date: _____ Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke RMA Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AT STATE CLEARINGHOUSE (OPR)

Exhibit "B"

Exhibit "B" – General Plan Amendment (GPA 18-004).

while still providing aviation services for public use airports in the County. Hazardous wastes are handled according to State and Federal law and the County's Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

Tulare County's noise producers include highways and roads, railroads, manufacturing plants, airports, and agricultural operations.

Land use, the built environment, and transportation options can also effect communities and contribute to the health, safety, and quality of life. One of the many means of preventing premature death is through crime prevention and promoting healthy lifestyles by means of community design.

Tulare County has a long history of flooding along its major rivers: the Kings, Kaweah, and Tule Rivers. In 1997, flooding occurred in Three Rivers, Springville, Lindsay, and Earlimart. In 2006, flooding occurred in Cutler-Orosi. Recent improvements to raise the elevation of the spillway at Terminus Dam and planned improvements to the Lake Success Dam will help to minimize future flood risk.

Tulare County has both urban and wildland fire hazards, creating the potential for injury, loss of life, and property damage. It is important to note that although some structures are located in fire hazard areas, active fire prevention measures are not only included in this Health and Safety Element, but are also addressed in the following plans and programs:

1) The ~~2011-2018~~ Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) for the Tulare Operational Area (County and all cities and special districts) was developed in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) and followed FEMA's ~~2008-2013~~ Local Hazard Mitigation Plan guidance. The LHMP incorporates a process where hazards are identified and profiled, the people and facilities at risk are analyzed, and mitigation actions are developed to reduce or eliminate hazard risk. The implementation of these mitigation actions, which include both short- and long-term strategies, involve planning, policy changes, programs, projects, and other activities. <http://tularecounty.ca.gov/oes/index.cfm/mitigation/>.

2) The Tulare County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) establishes an emergency management organization and assigns functions and tasks consistent with California's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The plan provides for the integration and coordination of planning efforts of the County with those of the cities, special districts, and Tule River Tribe comprising the Operational Area, as well as neighboring jurisdictions and the State. The content of this plan is based on guidance provided by the State of California's Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the US Department of Homeland Security. The intent of the EOP is to facilitate coordinated emergency response and post emergency short-term recovery by providing a framework for response to all significant emergencies, regardless of the nature of the event. <http://tularecounty.ca.gov/oes/index.cfm/response/>.

3) The CAL FIRE Tulare Unit Strategic Fire Plan is a product of the implementation of the California State Fire Plan. The Plan is a local road map to create and maintain defensible landscapes in order to protect vital assets. The Fire Plan seeks to reduce firefighting cost and property loss, increase public and firefighter safety, minimize wildfire risk to communities and contribute to ecosystem health. The Plan identifies pre-suppression projects including opportunities for reducing structural ignitability, and the identification of potential fuel reduction projects and techniques for minimizing those risks. The central goals that are critical to reducing and preventing the impacts of fire revolve around both suppression efforts and fire prevention efforts. http://cdfdata.fire.ca.gov/fire_er/fpp_planning_plans_details?plan_id=241

Major components are:

- Improved availability and use of information on hazard and risk assessment.

effective provision of emergency services, such as mass care, heavy rescue, hazardous materials, or other specialized function.

HS-7.3 Maintain Emergency Evacuation Plans

The County shall continue to create, revise, and maintain emergency plan for the broad range of natural and human-made disasters and response activities that could foreseeably impact Tulare County. This shall include, but not be limited to, flooding, dam failure, extreme weather, evacuation/transportation, mass care and shelter, and animal evacuation and sheltering. Emergency Planning projects shall be in line with the County's Strategic Plan and Emergency Operations Plan, and incorporate current guidance and initiatives from State and Federal Emergency Management Agencies.

HS-7.4 Upgrading for Streets and Highways

The County shall evaluate and upgrade vital streets and highways to an acceptable level for emergency services.

HS-7.5 Emergency Centers

The County shall require emergency backup systems to enable uninterrupted continuous operations as required by the California Essential Facilities Act.

HS-7.6 Search and Rescue

The County should continue to provide search and rescue operation capabilities for the Tulare County Sheriff's Department in mountainous areas, including those areas on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada that are not served by all-weather roads.

HS-7.7 Joint Exercises

The County shall encourage fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, resource management, public health, and other governmental and non-governmental response partners to periodically conduct joint training exercises with the goal of developing the best possible coordinated action in the event of a natural or human-made disaster across all local jurisdictions.

HS-7.8 Tulare County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

The County incorporates the adopted [2018 Tulare County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan \(BOS Resolution # 2018-0195\)](#) into the Tulare County General Plan Health and Safety Element. The plan provides guidance and insight into the hazards that exist in Tulare County and suggests possible mitigation projects. The plan should be consulted when addressing known hazards to ensure the general health and safety of Tulare County residents.

HS-7.9 Climate Adaptation and Resiliency

The County incorporates the Climate Adaptation and Resiliency strategies identified in California Government Code 65302 (g)(4) as adopted in the [2018 Tulare County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan \(BOS Resolution # 2018-0195\)](#) and Tulare County Climate Action Plan into the Tulare County General Plan Health and Safety Element.

**Attachment 2
Public Hearing
Notice**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as it can be heard, in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, Administration Building, County Civic Center, 2800 West Burrel, Visalia, California.

The hearing pertains to General Plan Amendment No. GPA 18-004 Health and Safety Element 2018 Update to Incorporate by Reference the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and proposed Categorical Exemption which has been approved for public review by the Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code. The Planning Commission recommended the Board of Supervisors approve the administrative amendment to the Health and Safety Element on November 28, 2018. Copies are available for review and comment at the Resource Management Agency, Permit Center, 5961 South Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California 93277-9394. (559) 624-7000, (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm) and (Friday: 9:00 am to 11:00 am). Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.

Tulare County Web Site: <http://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/planning-building/community-plans/draft-community-plans/poplar-cotton-center-community-plan-update/>.

For further information regarding this project, please call **Aaron Bock, (559) 624-7050**, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning Branch or for environmental questions please call Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner at (559) 624-7121.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at said time and place.

If you challenge the decision of the Board of Supervisors on the foregoing matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare at, or prior to, the public hearing. Judicial review of this Board of Supervisors decision is appealable pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in meetings call (559) 624-7000 48-hours in advance of the meeting.

JASON T. BRITT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REED SCHENKE, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICER HECTOR GUERRA,
CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER

TO BE PUBLISHED ONCE ONLY ON: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

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