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LIVERMORE UPDATES REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN WITH MIDTERM REPORT

LIVERMORE, Calif. – The City of Livermore’s regional partners approved the City’s Midterm Progress Report for the Tri-Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan in a joint meeting on Friday, July 23, 2021.

The Tri-Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan is a joint plan encompassing the Cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin, as well as Livermore-Pleasanton Fire and the Dublin-San Ramon Sanitary District. Approved by CalOES and FEMA in June 2018, the plan assesses the risk of major potential hazards in each jurisdiction and lays out an action plan for each agency to address (or “mitigate”) these hazards over the next five years.

As part of the hazard mitigation process, the City of Livermore actively updates the plan to reflect changes in risks or hazards in the past several years. While the original plan reflected many of the current potential hazards for the City of Livermore, such as the risks of earthquakes, wildfire, and flooding, several other hazards have occurred in the Livermore area that should be considered in future mitigation planning, include cybersecurity risks to City networks, public health risks such as the Covid-19 pandemic, and the growing impacts of climate change leading to more frequent precipitation extremes and extreme heat days. Pam Lung, Senior Civil Engineer and Floodplain Manager for the City of Livermore, stated that “keeping the Hazard Mitigation Plan up-to-date is critical to ensure that the most important projects to reduce risks of flooding and other natural hazards are included in the City’s Hazard Mitigation Plan and are eligible for future funding.”

The City of Livermore also reports on its progress in achieving the actions identified in the original plan. Overall, Livermore has made progress on 76% of 42 identified hazard mitigation actions, completed 10% of the actions, and not yet started 14% of the actions for this five-year period. These actions range from multi-year efforts to update City-wide plans in emergency management and climate action to specific CIP projects that have been implemented to reduce acute hazards in Livermore. The City of Livermore incorporated these considerations into its Midterm Progress Report and presented them to

its partner jurisdictions, who approved the Report on July 23rd, 2021. In doing so, the City of Livermore maintained compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act, achieving eligibility for mitigation grant funding opportunities at both the State and Federal level. Livermore has successfully used this eligibility to receive major grants to restore the Arroyo Las Positas through the Las Positas Golf Course and to minimize flooding and debris build-up in Collier Canyon Creek. Active maintenance of the plan also helps the City maintain its Class 6 rating with FEMA's Community Rating System, which gives residents up to 20% off on their flood insurance rates by implementing responsible flood management strategies.

Following the Midterm Report, Livermore and its regional partners will begin the full update process for the plan, due by June 2023.

The Midterm Progress Report is available for public viewing at www.cityoflivermore.net/flood. Questions on this report and Hazard Mitigation Planning can be directed to Herbert Cole, City of Livermore Emergency Manager, at hmcole@cityoflivermore.net or 925-960-4040.