

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-274

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

May 17, 2011

ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTI-YEAR OPERATING PROJECT FOR THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (I21004900)

BACKGROUND

- A. The City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is critical to maintain access to federally provided flood insurance, maintain affordable rates for flood insurance, allow federally backed mortgages, to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas.
- B. NFIP regulations and the City's Floodplain Management Ordinance regulate development which is or might be dangerous to health, safety and property by requiring at the time of initial development or substantial improvement methods of protection against flood damage in areas vulnerable to flooding in order to minimize flood damage.
- C. Effective December 8, 2008, the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the Natomas Basin were remapped by FEMA from a Shaded X Zone to an AE Zone. The remap meant all new construction or substantial improvements to structures had to meet an elevation requirement of one foot above the 33-foot base flood elevation.
- D. On February 8, 2010, FEMA notified the City in writing that there was a violation of the City's Floodplain Management Ordinance and federal regulations, and allowing dwelling units in violation to be completed was not acceptable. FEMA's letter also stated that a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) must be submitted by April 8, 2010, that addressed the violations.
- E. In response to FEMA, the City prepared a draft CAP to remediate the violations to the maximum extent practicable. The intent was to also implement additional mitigation measures intended to preserve the City's good standing in the NFIP and the Class 5 ranking in the Community Rating System (CRS). Downgrading would result in higher flood insurance premiums for City residents.
- F. As part of the staff work on the CAP, a complete review was done of the building permits issued by the City since the Natomas Basin was remapped to the AE Flood Zone in December 2008. This exhaustive research of over 1400 permits found six permits that required remediation, one of which was the multi-car garage now included in the CAP. Of the remaining five permits, three have been fully remedied. The remaining two permits were for substantial improvements completed on two previously occupied houses that had been extensively damaged by fire.

G. Cost for implementing the CAP, including the first year enhancements to the City/County Office of Emergency Services emergency notification system and associated actions such as public outreach and training, are to be paid for by the Community Development Department. Anticipated costs for these actions are not anticipated to exceed \$350,000, which was previously authorized by Council in Resolution 2010-658.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The FEMA Corrective Action Plan Project (I21004900) is established as a new Multi-Year Operating Project.

Section 2. That \$350,000 will be transferred from the Community Development Department's General Fund operating budget to I21004900 to implement the scope of the FEMA Corrective Action Plan.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on May 17, 2011 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ashby, Cohn, D Fong, McCarty, Schenirer, Sheedy, and Mayor Johnson.

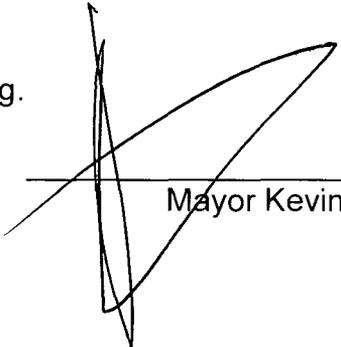
Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmembers Pannell and Robert King Fong.

Attest:


Shirley Conclino, City Clerk



Mayor Kevin Johnson