

**Resolution PC 2025-010**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SISKIYOU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT THE 2025 LOCAL  
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND AMEND THE GENERAL PLAN SEISMIC SAFETY  
AND SAFETY ELEMENT TO INCORPORATE THE 2025 LOCAL HAZARD  
MITIGATION PLAN**

**Whereas**, the County recognizes the substantial threat posed by natural hazards to people and property within the community; and

**Whereas**, the County has not adopted a current Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) and is not eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster mitigation grant funding until a LHMP has been adopted; and

**Whereas**, the County has prepared an updated LHMP dated February 2025 ("2025 LHMP") on file with the Siskiyou County Office of Emergency Services; and

**Whereas**, FEMA has reviewed and determined that the County's 2025 LHMP is eligible for final approval pending its adoption by the Board of Supervisors; and

**Whereas**, the County typically is responsible for 25% of a disaster recovery project's total cost but under Assembly Bill 2140 (Gov't Code Section 8685.9), the County is eligible to be considered for cost share reimbursement from the State for up to 25% of a disaster recovery project's total cost if the County has incorporated a LHMP into its General Plan; and

**Whereas**, the County has not incorporated a current LHMP into its General Plan and is not eligible for cost share reimbursement from the State until a current LHMP has been incorporated into the General Plan; and

**Whereas**, the County recognizes the need for compliance with state and federal law to remain eligible for federal disaster mitigation grant funding and State cost share reimbursement; and

**Whereas**, the Siskiyou County Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on May 21, 2025, on the proposed General Plan amendment for the inclusion of the following language as a first page to the General Plan Seismic Safety and Safety Element:

"In compliance with AB 2140 (2006), the 2025 Siskiyou County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is herein incorporated and made a part of the Seismic Safety and Safety Element of the Siskiyou County General Plan.

**2025 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

The 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) for the Siskiyou County planning area was developed in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) and followed FEMA's 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.

To view the 2025 LHMP in its entirety please visit:

<https://www.siskiyoucounty.gov/emergencyservices/page/local-hazard-mitigation-plan>"; and

**Whereas**, on May 21, 2025, the Chair of the Planning Commission opened the duly noticed public hearing on the General Plan Amendment (GPA-25-01) to receive testimony both oral and written, following which the Chair closed the public hearing, and the Commission discussed the project prior to reaching its decision; and

**Whereas**, following the public hearing the Commission found the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and determined the project to be consistent with the Siskiyou County General Plan.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Planning Commission finds the adoption of the 2025 local Hazard Mitigation Plan to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the January 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and amend the General Plan Seismic Safety and Safety Element to incorporate the 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan by adding the language proposed above.

**It is Hereby Certified** that the foregoing Resolution PC 2025-010 was duly Adopted on a motion by Commissioner Melo and seconded by Commissioner Veale at a regular meeting of the Siskiyou County Planning Commission held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Melo, Veale and Fowle

Noes:

Absent: Commissioners Lindler and Hart

Abstain:

Siskiyou County Planning Commission

  
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Jeff Fowle, Chair

Witness, my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2025.

  
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Hailey Lang, Secretary of the Commission