
**Visalia City Council
Special Meeting Agenda**



Mayor	Bob Link
Vice Mayor	Amy Shuklian
Council Member	Warren Gubler
Council Member	Steve Nelsen
Council Member	Don Sharp

Wednesday, November 30, 2011
City Hall Council Chambers
707 W. Acequia, Visalia, CA 93291
SPECIAL SESSION 5:30 PM

5:30 PM **CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL SESSION**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes (timing lights mounted on the lectern will notify you with a flashing red light when your time has expired). Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your street name and city.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

1. Adoption of Resolution 2011-74 declaring the results of the General Municipal Election, November 8, 2011 - Visalia City Council.
2. Adoption of Resolution 2011-75 declaring the results of the General Municipal Election, November 8, 2011 - Visalia Unified School District Governing Board.

OATH OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

3. Administer Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members Bob Link, Amy Shuklian, and Greg Collins.
4. Introduction by newly elected Council Members of their family, friends, distinguished and honored guests.
5. Election of Mayor
6. Election of Vice Mayor

INFORMATION ITEM (no action needed at this time)

7. Receive list of committees and boards that have City Council representation directly appointed by the Council. Appointments will be considered at the December 19, 2011 regular Council meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

8. Adoption of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Visalia (Resolution 2011-76 required). (The Plan will be distributed as soon as it is made available to the Council).

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Council Meetings

- City Council Regular Meeting, Monday, December 05, 2011
- City Council Closed Session, Monday, December 05, 2011
- City Council Regular Meeting, Monday, December 19, 2011

Note: Meeting dates/times are subject to change, check posted agenda for correct details.

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City of Visalia Agenda Item Transmittal

Meeting Date: November 30, 2011

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 1

Agenda Item Wording: Adoption of Resolution 2011-74 declaring the results of the General Municipal Election, November 8, 2011 – Visalia City Council.

Deadline for Action: November 30, 2011

Submitting Department: Administration – City Clerks Office

Contact Name and Phone Number: Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk (559) 713-4512

Department Recommendation: That the Council adopt Resolution 2011-74 declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2011 electing Bob Link and Amy Shuklian as members of the Visalia City Council for the 2011-15 term, and Greg Collins as member of the Visalia City Council for the 2011-2013 term.

Summary: Pursuant to Article V of the Charter of the City of Visalia, and in accordance with the general laws of the State of California applicable thereto, an election was held on November 8, 2011, to elect three members of the City Council of the City of Visalia. There were a total of 29,631 votes cast by 11,411 registered voters (representing 23.92% of the 47,706 registered voters in the City of Visalia) and the people of the City of Visalia elected Bob Link, Amy Shuklian, and Greg Collins to the Visalia City Council.

	# of votes (29,631 total)	% of ballots cast (11,411 total)
Bob Link	8,080	70.80%
Amy Shuklian	7,984	69.9%
Greg Collins	6,421	56.27%
Luke Feldstein	4,497	39.40%
Raymond Macareno	1,700	14.89%
J.J. Macrae	949	8.31%

In accordance with the Charter, the results of the election shall be declared the first Monday following the election (or at such time as they are certified and become available) and the new Council members shall be sworn into office.

Prior Council/Board Actions:

For action by:

City Council
 Redev. Agency Bd.
 Cap. Impr. Corp.
 VPFA

For placement on which agenda:

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 Closed Session

Regular Session:

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 Regular Item
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Est. Time (Min.): _____

Review:

Dept. Head LBC 112309
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Finance _____
City Atty _____
(Initials & date required or N/A)

City Mgr _____
(Initials Required)

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Committee/Commission Review and Actions: n/a

Alternatives: none

Attachments: Certification of Elections Official
Resolution 2011-74

Recommended Motion: I move to adopt Resolution 2011-74 declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2011 electing Bob Link and Amy Shuklian as members of the Visalia City Council for the 2011-15 term, and Greg Collins as member of the Visalia City Council for the 2011-2013 term.

Environmental Assessment Status

CEQA Review:

NEPA Review:

Tracking Information: *(Staff must list/include appropriate review, assessment, appointment and contract dates and other information that needs to be followed up on at a future date)*

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TULARE COUNTY Statement of Vote
TUL_20111108_E

100018		CITY OF VISALIA MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL												
	Registration	Ballots Cast	Turnout (%)	LURE FELDSTEIN	GREGORY F. COLLINS	AMY L. SHUKLIAN	BOB LINK	RAYMOND MACARENO	J.J. MACRAE					
166387 0076	1226	149	12.15	50	100	109	100	15	19					
166387 - Vote by Mail	1226	247	20.15	73	154	179	173	28	20					
166388 0077	1195	102	8.54	29	81	61	56	14	8					
166388 - Vote by Mail	1195	236	19.75	65	173	154	153	29	15					
166389 0078	1499	53	3.54	19	30	26	28	27	5					
166389 - Vote by Mail	1499	103	6.87	32	47	50	46	48	17					
166390 0079	870	39	4.48	11	19	21	18	12	7					
166390 - Vote by Mail	870	85	9.77	33	44	52	48	26	15					
166391 0080	1213	48	3.98	14	25	33	27	10	2					
166391 - Vote by Mail	1213	112	9.23	53	54	78	59	31	16					
166392 0081	2146	100	4.65	57	47	76	80	11	3					
166392 - Vote by Mail	2146	436	20.32	218	199	316	337	55	21					
166393 0082	2088	99	4.74	52	46	74	68	23	6					
166393 - Vote by Mail	2088	255	12.21	120	127	180	183	41	24					
166394 0083	1135	113	9.96	38	65	93	89	14	5					
166394 - Vote by Mail	1135	244	21.50	77	145	166	184	32	13					
166395 0084	1864	125	6.71	55	76	85	89	17	12					
166395 - Vote by Mail	1864	390	20.92	136	216	280	281	46	36					
166396 0085	2299	108	4.61	45	59	80	87	16	10					
166396 - Vote by Mail	2299	398	17.31	143	227	288	289	60	33					
166397 0086	724	21	2.90	13	9	16	17	4	1					
166397 - Vote by Mail	724	86	11.88	39	41	47	60	12	2					
166398 0087	1321	89	6.74	43	54	61	64	9	5					
166398 - Vote by Mail	1321	289	21.88	107	176	205	193	37	21					
166399 0088	1197	175	14.62	72	103	129	131	26	11					
166399 - Vote by Mail	1197	301	25.15	108	182	228	238	33	15					
Precinct Totals	47706	3640	7.63	1585	2052	2581	2575	564	302					
Vote by Mail Totals	47706	7771	16.29	2912	4369	5403	5505	1138	647					
Mail Ballot Totals	1807	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Grand Totals	47706	11411	23.92	4497	6421	7984	8080	1700	949					
California	47706	11411	23.92	4497	6421	7984	8080	1700	949					
21st Congressional District	47706	11411	23.92	4497	6421	7984	8080	1700	949					
18th State Senate District	47706	11411	23.92	4497	6421	7984	8080	1700	949					
34th State Assembly District	47706	11411	23.92	4497	6421	7984	8080	1700	949					
2nd Equalization Board	47706	11411	23.92	4497	6421	7984	8080	1700	949					
1st Supervisorial District	8597	1707	19.86	731	935	1207	1192	261	154					
3rd Supervisorial District	37610	9548	25.39	3715	5409	6701	6814	1364	773					
4th Supervisorial District	1499	156	10.41	51	77	76	74	75	22					
Tulare County	47706	11411	23.92	4497	6421	7984	8080	1700	949					
City of Visalia	47706	11411	23.92	4497	6421	7984	8080	1700	949					

City of Visalia Agenda Item Transmittal

Meeting Date: November 30, 2011

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 2

Agenda Item Wording: Adoption of Resolution 2011-75 declaring the results of the General Municipal Election, November 8, 2011 – Visalia Unified School District Governing Board.

Deadline for Action: December 6, 2011

Submitting Department: Administration – City Clerks Office

Contact Name and Phone Number: Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk (559) 713-4512

Department Recommendation: That the Council adopt Resolution 2011-75 declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2011 electing Donna Baker Martin (Area 5), Lucia Vazquez (Area 5), William A. Fulmer (Area 7) as members of the Visalia Unified School District Governing Board.

Summary/background: Pursuant to Article V of the Charter of the City of Visalia, and in accordance with the general laws of the State of California applicable thereto, an election was held on November 8, 2011 to elect three members of the Governing Board of the Visalia Unified School District.

	# of votes received
Donna Baker Martin – Area 5	1428
Desmond Farrelly - Area 5	539
Michael Cortes – Area 5	428
Lucia Vasquez – Area 6	415
William Fulmer – Area 7	1459
Lita Reed – Area 7	250
Miguel Fierro – Area 7	207

The people elected Donna Baker Martin - Area 5; Lucia Vazquez - Area 6; and William A. Fulmer - Area 7, as members of the Visalia Unified School District Governing Board.

In accordance with the Charter, the results of the election shall be declared the first Monday following the election (or at such time as they are certified and become available.)

Prior Council/Board Actions:

For action by:

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For placement on which agenda:

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City Atty _____
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City Mgr _____
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Committee/Commission Review and Actions: n/a

Alternatives:

Attachments: Resolution 2011-75
Certification of Elections Official

Recommended Motion: I move adoption of Resolution 2011--75 declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2011 electing Donna Baker Martin, Lucia Vazquez, and William A. Fulmer as members of the Visalia Unified School District Governing Board.

Environmental Assessment Status

CEQA Review:

NEPA Review:

Tracking Information: *(Staff must list/include appropriate review, assessment, appointment and contract dates and other information that needs to be followed up on at a future date)*

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RESOLUTION NO. 2011-75

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF VISALIA DECLARING
RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
OF NOVEMBER 8, 2011 - VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election was held in the City of Visalia on November 8, 2011, pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the Charter of the City of Visalia, and in accordance with the general laws of the State of California applicable thereto, for the following purpose:

- (a) Elect one member of the Governing Board of the Visalia Unified School District–Area 5; and
- (b) Elect one member of the Governing Board of the Visalia Unified School District–Area 6; and
- (c) Elect one member of the Governing Board of the Visalia Unified School District–Area 7; and

WHEREAS, this being the time set by the Charter of the City of Visalia for declaring the results, and being in possession of certified results from the County of Tulare Registrar of Voters who has duly canvassed said return,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Visalia, and it is found by said Council as follows:

- (a) That the total number of legal ballots cast in said election was and is 5114;
- (b) That the following named persons were candidates and/or were voted for at said election for the office of Member, Governing Board of the Visalia Unified School District, and received votes for said office:

Desmond Farrelly (Area 5)
Michael G. Cortes (Area 5)
Donna Baker Martin (Area 5)
Lucia D. Vazquez (Area 6)
William A. Fulmer (Area 7)
Miguel Fierro (Area 7)
Lita Reid (Area 7)

- (c) That the number of votes given for each of said candidates for the office of Member, Governing Board of the Visalia Unified School District, is described on the attached certified election report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and declared by the City Council of the City of Visalia in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the Charter of the City of Visalia that the following named persons were elected at said election to the office of Member, Governing Board of the Visalia Unified School District, to wit:

Donna Baker Martin – Area 5
Lucia D. Vazquez – Area 6
William A. Fulmer – Area 7

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

STEVEN M. SALOMON, CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF TULARE) ss.
CITY OF VISALIA)

I, Steven M. Salomon, City Clerk of the City of Visalia, certify the foregoing is the full and true Resolution 2011-__ passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Visalia at a special meeting held on _____, 2011.

Dated:

STEVEN M. SALOMON, CITY CLERK

By Donjia Huffmon CMC, Chief Deputy City Clerk

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TULARE COUNTY Statement of Vote
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100003		VISALIA GBM AREA 5											
	Registration	Ballots Cast	Turnout (%)	DESMOND FARRELLY	MICHAEL G. CORTES	DONNA BAKER MARTIN							
844 0044	295	88	29.83	21	15	40							
844 - Vote by Mail	295	2	0.68	0	1	1							
844 - Mail Ballot	295	0	0.00	0	0	0							
166328 0062	638	39	6.11	2	9	27							
166328 - Vote by Mail	638	139	21.79	24	14	92							
166383 0072	1308	127	9.71	23	20	81							
166383 - Vote by Mail	1308	259	19.80	26	41	179							
166384 0073	924	84	9.09	14	18	50							
166384 - Vote by Mail	924	187	20.24	48	37	89							
166385 0074	932	81	8.69	22	13	41							
166385 - Vote by Mail	932	162	17.38	48	28	76							
166386 0075	2258	177	7.84	43	38	94							
166386 - Vote by Mail	2258	458	20.28	115	78	244							
166387 0076	1228	149	12.15	31	19	84							
166387 - Vote by Mail	1228	247	20.15	44	37	152							
166388 0077	1195	102	8.54	18	19	59							
166388 - Vote by Mail	1195	236	19.75	81	43	119							
Precinct Totals	8776	847	9.65	174	151	476							
Vote by Mail Totals	8776	1690	19.26	365	277	952							
Mail Ballot Totals	295	0	0.00	0	0	0							
Grand Totals	8776	2537	28.91	539	428	1428							
California	8776	2537	28.91	539	428	1428							
21st Congressional District	8776	2537	28.91	539	428	1428							
18th State Senate District	8776	2537	28.91	539	428	1428							
34th State Assembly District	8776	2537	28.91	539	428	1428							
2nd Equalization Board	8776	2537	28.91	539	428	1428							
3rd Supervisorial District	8776	2537	28.91	539	428	1428							
Tulare County	8776	2537	28.91	539	428	1428							
City of Visalia	8776	2537	28.91	539	428	1428							

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VISALIA GBM AREA 7													
100005	Registration	Ballots Cast	Turnout (%)		WILLIAM A. FULMER	MIGUEL FIERRO	LITA REID						
807 0007	38	7	19.44		5	1	1						
807 - Vote by Mail	38	0	0.00		0	0	0						
807 - Mail Ballot	38	0	0.00		0	0	0						
808 0008	20	0	0.00		0	0	0						
808 - Vote by Mail	20	0	0.00		0	0	0						
808 - Mail Ballot	20	0	0.00		0	0	0						
809 0009	205	22	10.73		18	2	4						
809 - Vote by Mail	205	0	0.00		0	0	0						
809 - Mail Ballot	205	0	0.00		0	0	0						
166329 0063	669	53	7.92		39	5	3						
166329 - Vote by Mail	669	113	16.89		85	10	14						
166357 0067	832	25	3.00		13	8	2						
166357 - Vote by Mail	832	103	12.38		66	9	19						
166379 0088	1313	95	7.24		71	9	11						
166379 - Vote by Mail	1313	251	19.12		178	25	23						
166380 0069	2402	136	5.66		99	15	15						
166380 - Vote by Mail	2402	479	19.94		342	38	58						
166381 0070	1846	142	7.69		114	15	10						
166381 - Vote by Mail	1846	336	18.20		245	31	41						
166382 0071	1705	77	4.52		43	15	10						
166382 - Vote by Mail	1705	228	13.37		143	24	39						
Precinct Totals	9028	557	6.17		400	70	56						
Vote by Mail Totals	9028	1510	16.73		1059	137	194						
Mail Ballot Totals	261	0	0.00		0	0	0						
Grand Totals	9028	2067	22.90		1459	207	250						
California	9028	2067	22.90		1459	207	250						
21st Congressional District	9028	2067	22.90		1459	207	250						
16th State Senate District	36	7	19.44		5	1	1						
18th State Senate District	8982	2060	22.91		1454	206	249						
30th State Assembly District	56	7	12.50		5	1	1						
34th State Assembly District	8972	2060	22.96		1454	206	249						
2nd Equalization Board	9028	2067	22.90		1459	207	250						
3rd Supervisorial District	9028	2067	22.90		1459	207	250						
Tulare County	9028	2067	22.90		1459	207	250						
City of Visalia	8767	2038	23.25		1438	204	245						
Unincorporated	261	29	11.11		21	3	5						

City of Visalia Agenda Item Transmittal

Meeting Date: November 30, 2011

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 7

Agenda Item Wording: Receive the list of committees and boards that have City Council representation directly appointed by the Council. Appointments will be considered at the December 19, 2011 regular Council meeting

Deadline for Action: N/A

Submitting Department: Administration

Contact Name and Phone Number: Donjia Huffmon 713-4512, Leslie Caviglia, 713-4317

Department Recommendation: Receive and review the listing of various board and committees that have City Council Member representation directly appointed by the City Council.

Summary/background:

The attached list represents the appointments that were made in December 2009 and then revised in July 2011 after the resignation of Councilmember Mike Lane. At the time of Councilmember Lane's resignation, the Council deliberately chose to fill most of the vacancies with the remaining four councilmembers since Council Member Don Sharp was filling the vacancy for only a short time.

Staff recommends that Council review the list, and contact the Mayor with any specific interest in a particular committee or task force. Interest should be expressed regardless of whether or not a current vacancy exists. Additionally, if a Council Member is currently a member of a particular committee and no longer wishes to serve in that capacity, they should notify the Mayor that they are no longer interested.

The Mayor will recommend to the Council, on December 19, 2011 the representatives to the various boards and committees for the 2011-13 term.

Prior Council/Board Actions: These positions were last filled in December 2009.

Committee/Commission Review and Actions: N/A

Alternatives:

For action by:

City Council
 Redev. Agency Bd.
 Cap. Impr. Corp.
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Attachments: Current List – City Council Representation on Boards/Commissions.

Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected):

Information only – appointments to be considered at a future meeting.

Environmental Assessment Status

CEQA Review:

NEPA Review:

Tracking Information: *(Staff must list/include appropriate review, assessment, appointment and contract dates and other information that needs to be followed up on at a future date)*

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CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES 2009-2011

Board/Committee	Meeting Frequency	Current appointments	Lanes appointments
Air Service Sub-Committee	On Call	Link Gubler	
Community Based Planning Committee (Kaweah Delta Health Care District)	On Call	Link Gubler	
Consolidated Waste Management Authority	Meetings are held monthly on the 3 rd Thursday at noon at CHE Conf Room 1	Pri: Shuklian Alt: Nelsen	
COS/Cities Coordination/ Education Subcommittee (4-year University Project)	On Call	Shuklian (1 only)	
Council of Cities	On Call	Pri: Link Alt: Shuklian	Lane was alternate
Cross Valley Rail Corridor Joint Powers Authority	Annually	Pri: Shuklian Alt: Gubler	
Elections Process Subcommittee & Task Force	Monthly	Shuklian Gubler	
General Plan Update Review Committee	Generally meet on the 3 rd Thursday of month from 4:30-6pm at CHE Conf. Room 1	Link Nelsen	Lane was original member with Link
Lake Kaweah Expansion Project	On Call	Pri: E. Long Alt: Nelsen	
Natural Resources	On Call	Shuklian Nelsen	
Property Based Improvement District (PBID)	Meet monthly on the 4 th Tuesday 4:00-5:30 p.m @ 103 N. Court St.	Pri: Nelsen Alt: Salomon	
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control Districts Special City Selection Committee	As needed to fill vacancies on the District Board. Meetings are in Fresno at SJVAPCD	Pri: Link Alt: Shuklian	
SPCA Task Force	On Call	Link/Nelsen Shuklian	
Tulare Co. Association of	Monthly on the 3 rd	Pri: Link	Lane was

Board/Committee	Meeting Frequency	Current appointments	Lanes appointments
Governments (TCAG)/Tulare Co. Transportation Authority	Monday at 1 p.m. - Meetings are held in Tulare	Alt: Nelsen	alternate
Tulare Co. Economic Development Corp	Meet bi-monthly, on the 4 th Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 a.m. in Tulare	Pri: Link Alt: Salomon	Lane was primary member
TCAG High Speed Rail Committee	Meet as needed.	Gubler Link	
Visalia Water Management Committee	Meets quarterly at Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District in Farmersville. Meetings are usually from 1:30-3:00 p.m.	Pri: Nelsen Alt: Vacant	Lane was alternate
Visalia Civic Facilities Authority	1/yr	Shuklian Gubler Frost (staff)	
Visalia Convention & Visitors Bureau Bd.	Meet monthly @ Marriott on 2 nd Wednesday of month 9:00 am - 10:30 am	Shuklian Sharp	Lane was member with Shuklian
Visalia Economic Development Council	Monthly on the 3 rd Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. at 500 N. Santa Fe	Pri: Gubler Alt: Link	
Visalia Unified School District Trustee Area Election Boundary Committee	Meet at least monthly on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the VUSD District Office Board Room.	Gubler (council) Caviglia (staff)	

City of Visalia Agenda Item Transmittal

Meeting Date: November 30, 2011

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 8

Agenda Item Wording: Adoption of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for City of Visalia.

Deadline for Action: December 1, 2011

Submitting Department: Fire

Contact Name and Phone Number:

Mark Nelson, Fire Chief (4220);

Department Recommendation:

That City Council adopt the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Summary / Background:

In response to the rising cost of responding and recovering from disasters, the President signed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 on October 30, 2000. The Act encourages cooperation between state and local authorities, tribes, and the community to reduce the effects of disasters. Under the Disaster Mitigation Act, states and local governments must have an approved, adopted hazard mitigation plan in place to be eligible for disaster assistance.

In 2010, the City of Visalia was invited to be part of a steering/planning committee to assist in the planning process of a Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) with Tulare County Office of Emergency Services (OES) as the lead Agency. Other agencies included in the committee were the Cities of Tulare, Dinuba, Porterville, Exeter, Farmersville, the Tule River Tribe, Army Corps of Engineers, Kaweah Delta Healthcare District, and the Red Cross. Since then, the committee has worked together on formulating a draft plan. Monthly planning meetings were held and attended by the representatives from Visalia Police Department, Visalia Fire Department, and Visalia Engineering Department. These staff members were Jason Salazar, Karl Kassner, and Doug Damko who also performed hours of analysis during this process.

Hazard Mitigation

“Hazard Mitigation” is the process to reduce or eliminate long-term risks caused by disasters or man-made hazards. The HMP analyzes a wide range of potential natural and man-made hazards, and prioritizes future projects that will reduce damage and impacts from disasters, including:

- Significantly reduce life loss and injuries.

For action by:

City Council
 Redev. Agency Bd.
 VPFA

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City Atty _____
(Initials & date required or N/A)

City Mgr _____
(Initials Required)

If report is being re-routed after revisions leave date of initials if no significant change has affected Finance or City Attorney Review.

- Minimize damage to structures and property, as well as disruption of essential services and human activities.
- Protect the environment.
- Promote hazard mitigation as an integrated public policy.

General Discussion:

The HMP has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval and the following is an overview of the plan:

Hazard Analysis

Staff identified the location, potential extent, and expected severity of hazards. Hazard information is often presented in the form of a map or as digital data that can be used for further analysis. It is important to remember that many hazards are not easily identified, for example, many earthquake faults lie hidden below the earth's surface.

Vulnerability Analysis

Once hazards were identified, the next step was to determine who and what is at risk if the hazard event should occur. Natural events such as earthquakes, floods, and fires are called disasters only when there is loss of life or destruction of property. For example, in 2002, Denali, AK, experienced a 7.9 magnitude earthquake that did far less damage than the 6.7 Northridge, CA earthquake of 1994, because there were fewer people and buildings shaken by the Alaskan quake.

Capability Analysis

An analysis has been conducted to identify resources available to jurisdictions for hazard mitigation. This includes equipment inventory and available personnel within the organization or contracted by the organization.

Mitigation Strategy

The HMP identifies long-term strategies that include planning, policy changes, programs, projects and other activities, as well as implementation. Hazard Mitigation plans should exist at every level including individuals, businesses, state, local, and federal governments.

Hazard mitigation activities should be permanent or long-term and should include the following:

- Land-use planning and regulation of development in hazard zones such as floodplains.
- Development and enforcement of building codes - The Seismic Safety Commission has identified stringent building codes and standards as the primary reason why California has suffered relatively low damages during hazard events.
- Retrofitting structures – this can include activities such as seismic retrofits to reduce damage from earthquakes or elevating buildings in flood-prone areas.
- Removing structures from hazardous areas.
- There are many other types of mitigation activities that can be done by individuals, businesses, and government.

Outreach

Public Outreach Workshops were conducted to solicit public input. The workshops took place in Porterville and Dinuba. The City of Visalia hosted a workshop on July 21st. In addition to public workshops County OES posted the draft plan onto the County website for public review and comments.

Next Steps

1. The HMP has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who is responsible for reviewing and approving the Plan.
2. If the HMP is approved, Tulare County and other plan participants will be eligible to apply for and receive Federal hazard mitigation funds following a disaster, as well as certain types of pre-disaster hazard mitigation funding.
3. Tulare County intends to finalize the Plan by December 2011.
4. Recommended that Council adopt the plan through resolution in December 2011.
5. Plan will be monitored and updated every five years.

Prior Council/Board Actions: N/A

August 1, 2011 - Council approved Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan

Committee/Commission Review and Actions: N/A

Alternatives: N/A

Attachments:

- Hazard Mitigation Plan (still waiting for plan)
- Resolution

Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected):

I move to accept the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and adopt as drafted.

Environmental Assessment Status

CEQA Review:

NEPA Review:

RESOLUTION 2011-76

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VISALIA
AUTHORIZING Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan**

WHEREAS, the City of Visalia recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

WHEREAS, an adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Visalia fully participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX officials have reviewed the “Tulare County, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan” (May, 2011) and approved it (November 30, 2011) contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governments and entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Visalia adopts the “Tulare County, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan” as an official plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Visalia will submit this Adoption Resolution to the California Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX officials to enable the Plan’s final approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

STEVEN M. SALOMON, CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF TULARE) ss.
CITY OF VISALIA)

I, Steven M. Salomon, City Clerk of the City of Visalia, certify the foregoing is the full and true Resolution _____ passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Visalia at a regular meeting held on _____.

Dated:

STEVEN M. SALOMON, CITY CLERK

By Donjia Huffmon CMC, Chief Deputy City Clerk