

PAJARO/SUNNY MESA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 04-02-23

A RESOLUTION FINDING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2023 PAJARO/SUNNY MESA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (DISTRICT) LOCAL HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN (LHMP) IS EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2022 and August 11, 2022 the District, at two Public Workshops considered the staff recommendation for approval and heard public testimony, as described in Appendix A. of the LHMP.

Description: Adoption of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The LHMP was developed in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) and complies with FEMA's 2011 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan guidance. The LHMP identifies and profiles hazards, the people and facilities at risk, and strategies to reduce or eliminate hazard risk. The implementation of these strategies, which include both short— and long-term actions, involve future planning, policy changes, programs, projects, and other activities.

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2022, and August 11, 2022, the District conducted two Public Workshops to consider the LHMP, and all public comments and testimony.

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed LHMP is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under subdivision (b)(3) of State CEQA Guideline 15061 (Common Sense Exemption). The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

The LHMP acts as a guidebook for hazard mitigation strategies but does not implement any specific project, action, or funding.

The District's Board of Directors, based on the Board of Directors' own independent review and considerations, hereby finds that the LHMP is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to subdivision (b)(3) of CEQA Guideline 15061, "common sense exemption";

Each section provides a separate and independent basis for exemption. There is no possibility that the proposed Resolution will have a significant effect on the environment and the proposed amendments will not result in changes in land use that would significantly affect the environment (subdivision (b)(3) of CEQA Guideline 15061.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption consistent with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, if the Resolution is approved.

On the motion of Director Anderson, seconded by Director Coplin, the foregoing resolution was introduced, seconded, passed and adopted on April 5, 2023, by the following vote:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Don Olsen, President	X			
Sanford Coplin, Vice President	X			
Paul Anderson, Secretary	X			
Clinton Miller, Assistant Secretary				X
Donald Chesterman, Treasurer	X			