



# CARSON PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** March 25, 2025  
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**SUBJECT:** **General Plan Amendment 2025GPA-02 (Safety Element)**

## PROJECT/APPLICANT INFORMATION

**Project Summary:** A request for a recommendation to the City Council to adopt Resolution No. 25-2884 recognizing the City of Carson 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) and to amend the Community Services, Education, and Safety Element of the General Plan to incorporate the LHMP in accordance with Assembly Bill 2140

**Project Location:** Citywide

**Project Applicant:** City of Carson

## I. OVERVIEW

### A. Introduction

The City of Carson submits our Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) every five years to the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These plans undergo review at each level before being approved for adoption at the local level. The California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have approved the City's 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) pending the City Council's adoption of the plan. In addition, through Assembly Bill No. 2140, the City is eligible for additional state cost-share on eligible Public Assistance projects by adopting our current, FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) into the Community Services, Education, and Safety Element of the General Plan.

### B. Project Description

As shown in Attachment 1, FEMA approved the City's LHMP on January 27, 2025. The goal of the LHMP is to establish and adopt pre-disaster mitigation measures that reduce property damage and the risks to public health and safety posed by natural hazards. The plan includes steps to mitigate or eliminate long-term risks to human life and property, as defined by FEMA.

This includes hazard identification, impact and vulnerability assessments, setting mitigation goals, and selecting and prioritizing mitigation strategies for implementation.

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission endorse adoption of Resolution No. 25-2884, recognizing the City of Carson's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as approved by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and FEMA, and amend the Community Services, Education, and Safety Element of the General Plan to incorporate the 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, in accordance with Assembly Bill 2140.

## II. ANALYSIS

### A. Public Hearing Notice

Public Notice (Attachment 2) was given in accordance with CMC Sections 9203.16 and 9173.22. Notice of public hearing was posted to the paper by March 4, 2025. The agenda was posted at City Hall no less than 72 hours prior to the Planning Commission meeting.

### B. Environmental Analysis

The proposed adoption of a minor amendment to the Safety Element of the General Plan will not result in a significant negative impact to the environment and is exempt from environmental review per Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

## III. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning Commission:

**ADOPT** attached Resolution No. 25-2884, supporting City Council adoption of the 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Carson and amending the Safety Element of the General Plan to incorporate the City's 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with Assembly Bill 2140.

## IV. ATTACHMENTS

- 1) FEMA Approval Letter to the City of Carson (January 27, 2025)
- 2) Public Hearing Notice
- 3) Resolution No. 25-2884
- 4) APA Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)
- 5) AB 2140 Fact Sheet