

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE APPROVING THE 2021 SANTA CLARA COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Community Rating System (“CRS”) is a voluntary program under the National Flood Insurance Program (“NFIP”) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) that allows communities to earn flood insurance premium discounts for their residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, communities earn CRS credits for conducting floodplain management activities, such as maintenance of elevation and floodproofing certificates, flood emergency preparedness planning, and public outreach and education on flood risk and flood insurance, that exceed NFIP minimum requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of San José (“City”) has been a participant in the CRS program since 1990; and

WHEREAS, FEMA requires that the City’s floodplain management activities be subject to a cycle verification visit every five years, during which the City must demonstrate compliance with applicable FEMA policies and regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the current cycle verification visit, City staff have elected to participate in the creation of the Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information 2021 (“PPI”) with the objective of providing the public with information needed to increase flood hazard awareness and to motivate actions to reduce flood damage, encourage flood insurance coverage, and protect the natural functions of floodplains;

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (“Valley Water”) initiated the PPI process in February 2020 and invited community members from eleven Santa Clara County communities (the Cities of San Jose, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and Valley Water) to jointly draft a PPI that included the communities’ most important flood risk reduction messages; and

WHEREAS, the PPI must be approved and adopted individually by each community’s elected body in order for that community to receive CRS credits for its implementation; and

WHEREAS, FEMA reviewed the PPI to ensure its provisions fully comply with FEMA requirements, and on April 27, 2021, Valley Water’s Board of Directors approved the implementation of the PPI; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that City Council approve the PPI so the City receives extra credit points under the CRS program, which may allow the City to improve its class rating and provide greater flood insurance savings to its residents and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and hereby incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The PPI is hereby approved and adopted as part of the City’s CRS program activities.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk