



MONTARA WATER AND SANITARY DISTRICT AGENDA

For Meeting Of: **March 5, 2026**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Clemens Heldmaier, General Manager *CH*

SUBJECT: Review and Possible Action Regarding MWSD's Participation in the San Mateo County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update and Including Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside (SAM) in MWSD LHMP Annex

MWSD previously participated in the 2021 San Mateo County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (SMC LHMP), through an annex. The 2021 LHMP is expiring and is being updated by SMC. The SMC Department of Emergency Management (SMC EM) supported by their consultant, Integrated Solutions Consulting (ISC), is leading the effort for the new countywide 2026 LHMP, which includes participation by multiple jurisdictions and special districts.

The LHMP update process will advance natural hazard risk assessment efforts, partnership collaboration, mitigation action planning, and ensure SMC jurisdictions and special districts remain eligible to receive federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance, including Flood Mitigation Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), and HMGP Post-Fire funding.

Staff has been participating in early planning and coordination activities and providing updated information that is being requested by the County for MWSD's LHMP Annex. Updates to the MWSD annex are expected to be completed by late April, after which the countywide 2026 LHMP will be released for a 30-day public comment period in May. By July 2026, the final draft of the 2026 LHMP will be submitted to CalOES and FEMA for approval. Pending approval, each jurisdiction's governing body must formally adopt the 2026 LHMP for the plan to be considered current.

For the 2021 LHMP, the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside (SAM) was included under MWSD's Annex, which allowed SAM to receive HMGP funding for multiple projects, including in 2025 for the relocation of electrical equipment at their WWTP to reduce the risk of flooding. Staff recommends that SAM again be included under the MWSD Annex, since MWSD benefits from SAM continuing to be eligible for federal funds.

Recommendation:

Authorize the participation of MWSD in the 2026 SMC LHMP and include SAM in the MWSD Annex.