



PLANNING DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF TEHAMA

STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 7, 2025

TO: Tehama County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jessica Martinez, Director of Planning

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF GPA # 25-01; TEHAMA COUNTY SAFETY ELEMENT AMENDMENT – INCORPORATING THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S):
Countywide

SUMMARY

The Safety Element of a General Plan is a mandated component designed to reduce risks from various hazards like floods, fires, and earthquakes. The General Plan Amendment #25-01 is a countywide project amending the County's Safety Element to incorporate the 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The Tehama County Multi-Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) 2025 serves as update to the local agencies and districts ongoing efforts in hazard mitigation planning.

On September 18, 2025, following the public hearing discussion, the Planning Commission voted 5:0 to recommend that the Board adopt the CEQA exemption, and 5:0 in favor of recommending the Board adopt the General Plan Amendment No. 25-01 Resolution.

GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY

The Safety Element is one of the seven mandated elements of the General Plan. The purpose of the Safety Element is to reduce the potential risk of death, injuries, property damage, and economic and social dislocation resulting from fires, floods, earthquakes, landslides, and other hazards. The Safety Element overlaps topics also mandated in the land use, conservation, and open-space elements.

The Safety Element must identify hazards and hazard abatement (mitigation) provisions to guide local decisions related to zoning, subdivisions, and entitlement permits. The element contains general hazard and risk reduction strategies and policies supporting hazard mitigation measures. Policies address the identification of hazards and emergency response, as well as mitigation through avoidance of hazards by new projects and reduction of risk in developed areas.

DISCUSSION

The Tehama County Multi-Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) 2025 serves as an update to the local agencies and districts ongoing efforts in hazard mitigation planning. The initial plan, developed in 2012, identified resources, information, and strategies to reduce risks from

natural hazards and called for regular updates. The plan was last updated in 2018, and the 2025 LHMP fulfills this ongoing update requirement.

The 2025 update continues to comply with the federal Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) ensuring that Tehama County and its partners remain eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding. The plan encompasses the entire Tehama County planning area, including three (3) cities, City of Tehama, City of Corning, and the City of Red Bluff, and aims to guide policies programs, and projects that reduce impacts of natural disasters on life, property, and infrastructure.

A Hazard Mitigation Plan stakeholder group was formed to develop and steer content in this plan, including the goals, objectives, mitigation strategies, and implementation methods to reduce risk. Stakeholders included representatives from the County and other participating jurisdictions, as well as local agencies business, citizens, and non-governmental organizations

The public also participated in development of the MHJMP, through an online survey to residents and through public review of the draft plan. Community feedback played a key role in prioritizing future mitigation goals, actions, and implementation steps in the plan.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this hearing was published in the Red Bluff Daily News on September 27, 2025.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Based on the proposed General Plan amendment it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, the project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); the activity is not subject to CEQA.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and the Planning Commission recommend that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

- A. Public Hearing – Conduct a public hearing to consider Tehama County General Plan Amendment (GPA # 25-01); incorporating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.**
- B. Move that the Board of Supervisors find that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and adopt the findings relative to CEQA in the staff report and as contained in Attachment A;**
- C. Move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Tehama County Safety Element Amendment (GPA #25-01) incorporating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Resolution with findings as contained in Attachment A.**

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Board of Supervisor Resolution approving General Plan Amendment #25-01; Tehama County Safety Element Amendment.**
 - B. Draft Safety Element as amended.**
 - C. Draft Tehama County Multi-Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP).**
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