

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Carolina Maran, Ph.D., P.E., Chief of District Resiliency

DATE: June 5, 2025

SUBJECT: Adoption of the 2025 Collier County Local Mitigation Strategy

Agenda Item Background:

Formal adoption of the 2025 Collier County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) by the District's Governing Board is required to receive federal hazard mitigation grant program funding, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the District's projects in Collier County. There is no cost for the District associated with the formal adoption of this plan.

The LMS was developed and revised by the Collier County's Multi-Jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group, in coordination with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders having an interest in reducing the impact of disasters, and with input from the private sector and other members of the public. The purpose of the LMS is to mitigate natural, technological, and human-made hazards that pose risks to public health and safety, threaten economic stability, and impact the quality of the natural environment. The LMS provides a rational, managed basis for considering and prioritizing mitigation options, and for developing and executing sound, cost-effective mitigation projects. The LMS provides a basis for justifying the solicitation and use of local, state, and federal funding sources to support hazard mitigation projects and initiatives.

Additional Item Background:

- The LMS is developed in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations 201.67 and was approved for a period of five (years) by FEMA on April 16, 2025.
- The LMS allows communities to identify hazards and prioritize unfunded projects to mitigate those hazards when funding becomes available from local, state, and federal sources.
- The LMS adoption is required to become eligible to receive FEMA grant funding for hazard mitigation programs, before and after a disaster strikes, including:
 - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
 - Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- The adoption of the 2025 Collier County Multi-Jurisdictional LMS in accordance with FEMA's Program Administration by States requirements, should be effective April 8, 2025, the date of approval of the most current LMS.

The District has submitted cost-share funding proposals for the Big Cypress Microwave Tower (Lake Trafford) and for the Henderson-Belle Meade Basin Resiliency projects through the Collier County Local Mitigation Strategy Committee, to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds, managed by Florida Division of Emergency Management, as a result of the recent Presidential Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Ian (FEMA 4673-DR-FL) and for

Hurricane Milton (FEMA 4834-D-FL).

Funding Source:

There are no associated costs for the adoption of the 2025 Collier County Multi-Jurisdictional LMS.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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