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Subject:

Status of the Marin County OA MJHMP and Annex

Greetings Steering Committee,

I hope you are doing well and are enjoying the Holidays. I wanted to follow up with you to update you on the progress of the Marin County OA MJHMP. On Tuesday, December 19, 2023, we submitted the plan and jurisdictional annex to Cal OES for their review. The Profiles submitted are Corte Madera, Sanitary District 2, Bolinas Community PUD, Fairfax, LGVSD, Mill Valley, NMWD, Novato, Ross, San Anselmo, Sausalito. Cal OES has already confirmed that they received the plans and that upon an initial glance indicated the look good. The timeline and plan for submission is as follows.

Since 5 jurisdictions have outstanding tasks or were received so late, after the agreed upon deadline for submission, that they could not be incorporated into the first submission, we will develop their Profile and submit them to Cal OES in the second round early next year. It is highly unusual for a plan to not be submitted all at once, but Marin County OEM and the Steering Committee felt it was important to submit the Marin County OA MJHMP and the Annex with the jurisdictions and districts who have submitted their information and completed their profiles as soon as possible.

This move is in response to the fact that the Marin Co. OA MJHMP will expire on December 27, 2023, and Marin County OEM wanted to submit the completed plan before it expired and not wait for the other jurisdictions with outstanding tasks to submit them. Also, the Town of Corte Madera has applied for a BRIC Grant from FEMA and must have an approved MJHMP in place to be eligible. Therefore, after several discussions with Cal OES, FEMA, and Marin County OEM a decision was made to submit the Marin County OA MJHMP and the completed Profiles on Tuesday and not wait any longer for the others.

Cal OES will review the Marin County OA MJHMP and the Corte Madera/Sanitary District #2 Profile immediately and forward them to FEMA. They will review the other 9 profiles submitted later. Because of the holidays, I am not certain that the 9 other profiles will be reviewed and approved in time for a January Adoption. Since these 9 jurisdictions are not applying for any FEMA grants, there is no urgency to adopt in early January. The priority is the Marin County OA MJHMP and the Town of Corte Madera Profile, to be reviewed and adopted to ensure they are eligible for the BRIC Grant.

We are asking that the remaining 5 jurisdictions and districts complete their outstanding tasks and submit them to the MJHMP Folder by January 12, 2023. We will then develop their profile, allow them to review and edit their profile, and publish their Profile on the Marin County OEM website for a 2-week public review prior to submitting them to Cal OES.

Once all of the jurisdictional and district profiles have been approved by Cal OES, they will be combined into 1 Annex (Volume 2: Planning Partner Annex) to be submitted to FEMA for review with the Marin County OA MJHMP (Volume 1: Planning Area-Wide Elements).

Thank you for your time and efforts. Please call or email with any questions. Happy Holidays!

Best wishes, Paul



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