



MEMORANDUM

TO: SOLDOTNA PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
FROM: AUSTIN JOHNSON, PLANNING/GIS TECHNICIAN
THROUGH: JOHN CZARNEZKI, CITY PLANNER
DATE: JANUARY 4, 2017
SUBJECT: ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2016 UPDATE

The City of Soldotna is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to maintain an updated and adopted All Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible for certain types of non-emergency disaster funding, including funding for mitigation projects. This plan, and the process of creating and updating it, also assists the City in setting goals and measuring progress on hazard mitigation efforts, and furthers collaboration and partnership between the City and area agencies and municipalities.

The City, in conjunction with the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB), originally drafted and adopted an All Hazard Mitigation Plan in August 2005, which was approved by the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS-EM) and FEMA. The plan was updated in 2010/2011, and is required to be updated for 2016. This update process requires input and coordination from City departments and outside agencies, space for public participation and comment, and adoption by the City and KPB, as well as review and final approval by DHS-EM and FEMA.

Review, coordination, and updating of the existing plan by City staff and outside agencies, including the State of Alaska Division of Forestry, the KPB Office of Emergency Management, the KPB Planning Department, the KPB Spruce Bark Beetle Mitigation Program, and others, occurred during the summer and fall of 2016. The September 7, 2016 meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission began the process to solicit and gather any feedback or questions from the public about the plan update, as well as to provide a venue for Commissioner input. Since that time, the draft 2016 update was submitted to DHS-EM and FEMA, who provided valuable critique and review which have been incorporated into the attached document.

The plan attached here will be subject to an additional public hearing at City Council. Upon its adoption, the plan will be forwarded to the KPB Planning Commission and KPB Assembly for review and approval/adoption.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact the Planning Department if you have any questions or comments.