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RESOLUTION NO. XXXX-2026
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2026 SONOMA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, VOLUME I AND THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL ANNEX IN VOLUME II
Adopted: November 17, 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol has exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the City's economy; and

WHEREAS, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Sonoma County stakeholders with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies to be implemented within each partner's identified capabilities, within Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating, and revising this strategy; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Sonoma County Hazard Mitigation Plan consists of Volume I (Planning Area-Wide Elements) and Volume II (Jurisdictional Annexes), and Chapter 9 of Volume II is the City of Sebastopol Annex; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2026, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) determined that the 2026 Sonoma County Hazard Mitigation Plan is Approvable Pending Adoption, and final approval for the City requires local adoption of Volume I and the City's annex in Volume II; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sonoma Department of Emergency Management has advised that updates to staff names and contact information in the City's annex are administrative, do not affect the plan's FEMA approval, are not part of the local adoption process, and will be processed by the County as part of routine plan maintenance; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (feasibility and planning studies) and Section 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption), each as a separate and independent basis, because adoption does not commit the City to approve, adopt, or fund any mitigation action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sebastopol:

1.) Adopts the 2026 Sonoma County Hazard Mitigation Plan, Volume I, and the City of Sebastopol Annex in Volume II (Chapter 9).

2.) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the 2026 Sonoma County Hazard Mitigation Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.

3.) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the 2026 Sonoma County Hazard Mitigation Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its authority.

4.) Will continue its support of the on-going mitigation efforts and continue to participate in the plan maintenance and support as described by the 2026 Sonoma County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

5.) Finds that adoption of the plan is exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15262 and 15061(b)(3), each as a separate and independent basis.

6.) Authorizes staff to transmit the adoption documentation to Sonoma County and FEMA as required.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved and adopted at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Sebastopol on the 17th day of November 2026, by the following vote:

VOTE:
AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Mayor Jill McLewis
City of Sebastopol

ATTEST: _____
City Manager Mary Gourley

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney Alex Mog