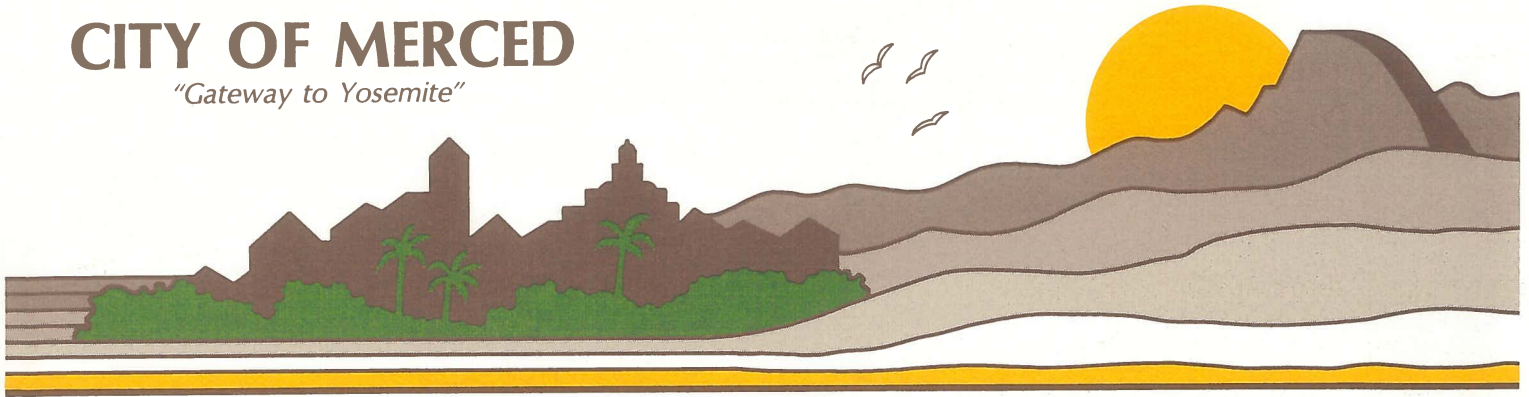


# CITY OF MERCED

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## LETTER OF COMMITMENT (FOR MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS)

July 1, 2019

**California Governor's Office of Emergency  
Services**  
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program  
3650 Schriever Avenue

RE: Letter of Commitment as Participating Jurisdiction in Merced County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning

Dear State Hazard Mitigation Officer:

As the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Local Mitigation Plan requirements under 44 CFR §201.6 specifically identify criteria that allow for multi-jurisdictional mitigation plans and that many issues are better resolved by evaluating hazards more comprehensively by coordinating at the county, regional, or watershed level, the City of Merced is submitting this letter of commitment to confirm that City of Merced has agreed to participate in the Merced County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning.

Furthermore, as a condition of participation in the mitigation planning, City of Merced, agrees to meet the requirements for mitigation plans identified in 44 CFR §201.6 and to provide such cooperation as is necessary and in a timely manner to the Merced County to complete the plan in conformance with FEMA requirements.

City of Merced understands that it must engage in the following planning process, as more fully described in FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook, including, but not limited to:

- Identification of hazards unique to the jurisdiction and not addressed in the master planning document;
- The conduct of a vulnerability analysis and an identification of risks, where they differ from the general planning area;
- The formulation of mitigation goals responsive to public input and development of mitigation actions complementary to those goals. A range of actions must be identified specific for each jurisdiction. ;
- Demonstration that there has been proactively offered an opportunity for participation in the planning process by all community stakeholders (examples of participation include relevant involvement in any

planning process, attending meetings, contributing research, data, or other information, commenting on drafts of the plan, etc.); and

- Documentation of an effective process to maintain and implement the plan; and,
- Formal adoption of the Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by the jurisdiction's governing body (each jurisdiction must officially adopt the plan).

Therefore, with a full understanding of the obligations incurred by participating in the FEMA hazard mitigation planning process as a participant in a multi-jurisdictional plan; I Steve Carrigan, commit City of Merced to the Merced County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning effort.

This document is executed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2019.

Please contact Fire Chief Billy Alcorn at (209) 388-8541 and/or [alcornb@cityofmerced.org](mailto:alcornb@cityofmerced.org) with questions.

Sincerely,

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