



FEMA

October 28, 2016

Don Dooley
Planning Services Manager
City of Whittier Community Development Department
13230 Penn Street
Whittier, CA 90602

Dear Mr. Dooley:

We have completed our final review of the *City of Whittier 2016 Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan*, officially adopted by the City of Whittier, CA on November 10, 2015, and found the plan to be in conformance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201.6 *Local Mitigation Plans*.

The approval of this plan ensures the City of Whittier's continued eligibility for project grants under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs, including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. All requests for funding, however, will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility, and other requirements of the particular program under which applications are submitted.

Also, approved hazard mitigation plans may be eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). Additional information regarding the CRS can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system> or through your local floodplain manager.

FEMA's approval of the *City of Whittier 2016 Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan* is for a period of five years, effective starting the date of this letter. Prior to October 28, 2021, the City of Whittier is required to review and revise its plan to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities, and resubmit it for approval in order to continue to be eligible for mitigation project grant funding. The enclosed plan review tool provides additional recommendations to incorporate into the plan when the City of Whittier undertakes its identified plan maintenance process.

If you have any questions regarding the planning or review processes, please contact Alison Kearns, Lead Community Planner, at (510) 627-7125 or by email at alison.kearns@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey D. Lusk".

Jeffrey D. Lusk
Division Director
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Enclosure

Cc: Jose Lara, Chief of Hazard Mitigation Planning, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services