

APPENDIX B

The Plan Maintenance and Update Process

Monitoring Process

Monitoring of the plan will be ongoing and will be the responsibility of the ABAG's Planning Department, specifically the Earthquake and Hazards Program. As mitigation projects outlined in the LHMP are implemented, ABAG will share this information with the public and other participating jurisdictions on its website. ABAG will continue to highlight the mitigation work of local jurisdictions in its reports and publications as they relate to other ABAG projects. The responses of local governments to the mitigation strategy priorities may help ABAG focus its mitigation planning efforts in the coming years. Monitoring the activities of jurisdictions around these identified issues will be an important part of that process. The existing ABAG committees on the Planning Team will be an appropriate forum to learn about the ongoing mitigation activities and accomplishments of local jurisdictions.

Evaluation Process

Within the five-year update cycle, ABAG will annually evaluate the need for an updated plan prior to the required five-year update. Evaluation will be the responsibility of ABAG's Earthquake and Hazard Program. Discussions at meetings of ABAG's Lifelines Infrastructure and Hazards Committee and Hazards Outreach Committee annually will inform the decision on the need for an update of the plan. A plan evaluation may become necessary after a natural disaster occurs in the region or as major shifts in resources, objectives or goals occur. The evaluation process will assess, among other things, whether:

- ◆ The goals and objectives address current and expected conditions.
- ◆ The nature, and/or type of risks have changed.
- ◆ The current resources are appropriate for implementing the plan.
- ◆ There are implementation problems, such as technical, political, legal, or coordination issues with other agencies.
- ◆ The outcomes have occurred as expected (a demonstration of progress).
- ◆ The agencies and other partners participated as originally proposed.

Updating Process

ABAG will continue to update this plan over time. The plan will be updated at least every five years, as required by DMA 2000. The update process will begin at least one year prior to the expiration of this plan. However, it will be updated more frequently as time and money allow. ABAG's Earthquake and Hazards Program will take the lead in updating hazard mapping and risk information, while participating local governments will take the lead in developing and updating mitigation goals and strategies.

For example, ABAG will continue to update its geographic information system based on new information from state and federal agencies, as well as from research projects conducted by ABAG and others. The lead in this effort at ABAG will be the Earthquake and Hazards Program.

When an update occurs, participating local governments will be notified of the planned update and encouraged to provide comments in a manner similar to the process they went through for the update of this plan as outlined in **Appendix A**. A list of the lead person and department that will be contacted in each jurisdiction can be found in **Appendix I**. If changes are significant (that is, involve more than minor changes to, for example, the hazard mapping), all participating local governments will be involved in any

needed updates in mitigation strategies and all will be asked to submit another resolution approving the plan.

If ABAG is unwilling or unable to act as the lead agency in the multi-jurisdictional effort, participating local governments will contact each County's Office of Emergency Services. Counties should then work together to identify another regional forum for developing a multi-jurisdictional plan. Unlike in other metropolitan areas of the country, the Bay Area has no single dominant city or county. Many special districts, including BART, MTC, AC Transit, and the East Bay Regional Park District also have multi-county service areas. Thus, although counties could be used as lead agencies in updating the plan, this option is not as appropriate as in other areas of the country.

Incorporation into Existing Planning Mechanisms

Typically, cities and counties have three major mechanisms for integrating the programs and policies identified in this plan: the Safety Element of their local General Plan, the requirements for project review of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and on-going capital improvement programs. The components of some of these other programs are identified as "Existing Programs" in the Annex of each participating local government. In addition, the recommendation of this overall plan is for local governments to adopt the specific mitigation strategies identified as an "Implementation Appendix" of their Safety Element.

The situation for special districts and other governmental agencies is slightly different. However, the recommendation of this overall plan is to identify a variety of funding sources and implementation mechanisms for the higher priority mitigation strategies identified in each local government's annex.

Continued Public Involvement

As the LHMP is evaluated and updated over time public participation will be encouraged at specific issue-oriented workshops and forums as time and funding allow. As at the numerous workshops and forums held during the development of this initial plan, a wide variety of participation will be encouraged, including:

- ◆ local and state government staff and elected officials,
- ◆ private engineers, construction contractors, financial experts, and business owners,
- ◆ professional organizations,
- ◆ university professors, and
- ◆ nonprofits.

Whenever a comprehensive update of the plan occurs, the public will be notified on ABAG's hazards homepage, local government websites and through public notices of the process.