FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Community Development Department

SUBJECT: FEMA Biological Opinion – Pre-implementation Compliance Measures (PICMs)

 Background: The Umatilla County Community Development has been tracking proposed changes to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) resulting from the Biological Opinion (BiOp). The FEMA BiOp requires local governments to implement reasonable and prudent alternatives for floodplain mitigation. Due to recent court challenges, NFIP participating communities are required to select a Pre-implementation Compliance Measure (PICM) and notify FEMA of their selection by December 1, 2024. The PICMs consist of the following; 1) Prohibit all development in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). 	Requested Action: Authorize staff to notify FEMA of Umatilla County's selected PICM Option 3 by December 1, 2024.
 Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), 2) Adopt the 2024 Model Ordinance that requires mitigation of any floodplain development to a no net loss standard, and 	
 3) Require a special habitat assessment and mitigation plan for development on a permit-by-permit basis in the SFHA to achieve a no net loss standard. Staff recommends selecting PICM Option 3. 	

ATTACHMENTS:

Date: (11/25/24) Submitted By: Robert Waldher, Community Development Director

Checkoffs:

() Dept. Head (copy)	To be notified of Meeting:
() Human Resources (copy)	Robert Waldher
() Fiscal	
() Legal (copy)	Needed at Meeting:
() (Other - List:)	Robert Waldher

Scheduled for meeting on: November 26, 2024

Action taken:

Follow-up: