




CITY of CALABASAS
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2024

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: RON AHLERS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER 

SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE COVERAGE PRESENTATION BY CJPIA

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2024

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff from the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) are presenting an overview of earthquake insurance coverage.

BACKGROUND:

Historically, the City of Calabasas (City) has not purchased earthquake insurance for any of the city-owned properties. The last major earthquake to occur close to the City is the Northridge quake which occurred on January 17, 1994 at 4:30am. The quake measured 6.7 on the Richter scale. It has been 30 years since that event.

During the budget discussions during the Spring of 2023, the City Council requested a presentation regarding earthquake insurance. On September 27, 2023, the City Council received a presentation by CJPIA and Alliant Insurance Services regarding purchasing Earthquake Insurance. The City Council desired additional information. The attached presentation is in response to that request.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

This is the second presentation of information provided by CJPIA regarding earthquake insurance coverage for city-owned property and buildings. There are two

representatives from CJPIA who shall present the information and answer questions from the City Council. They are Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager and Toni Consolo, Senior Risk Manager.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The source of funding is either the Tennis & Swim Center (Fund 50) for the Tennis & Swim Center properties or the General Fund (Fund 10) for all the remaining City properties.

Staff recommends that the City not purchase earthquake insurance at this time and make this an item of discussion in the upcoming budget for FY 2024-25.

REQUESTED ACTION:

City Council receive and file the presentation and provide direction to staff regarding purchasing earthquake insurance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Earthquake Insurance Presentation
2. List of CJPIA member agencies with earthquake insurance