



Federal Emergency Management Agency

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**CERTIFIED MAIL
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**IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 00-09-691P**

The Honorable Beverly O'Neill
Mayor, City of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802

Community: City of Long Beach, CA
Community No.: 060136
Panels Affected: 0005 C, 0010 C, 0015 C
and 0025 C

Effective Date of **SEP 01 2000**
This Revision:

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Dear Mayor O'Neill:

This responds to a request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revise the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community in accordance with Part 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. In a letter dated May 2, 2000, Mr. Harry W. Stone, Director of Public Works, County of Los Angeles, requested that FEMA revise the FIRM and FIS report to show the effects of adequate progress, as defined in Section 61.12 of the NFIP regulations, toward completion and expected certification of the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Project, a federally sponsored flood-control project, along the Los Angeles River from the Southern Pacific Railroad (SPRR) to the confluence of Rio Hondo Channel and along Rio Hondo Channel from the confluence with the Los Angeles River to just downstream of the Whittier Narrows Dam.

All data required to complete our review of this request were submitted with letters from Mr. Stone.

Because this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) shows the effects of a federally sponsored flood-control project where 50 percent or more of the project's costs are federally funded, fees were not assessed for the review.

We have completed our review of the submitted data and the flood data shown on the effective FIRM and in the effective FIS report. We agree that we have received sufficient evidence of compliance with the adequate progress requirements of Paragraph 61.12(b) of the NFIP regulations and with all other portions of Section 61.12. We have revised the FIRM and FIS report to modify the zone designations of the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) along the right overbank (looking downstream) of the Los Angeles River from the confluence of Compton Creek to Greenleaf Boulevard and along the left overbank (looking downstream) in the area approximately bounded by 72nd Street, the San Gabriel River, the SPRR, and the Los Angeles River. As a result of the modifications, the Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) in the overbank areas of the Los Angeles River were removed to reflect the change in flood zone designations. Areas previously designated Zone AR, a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area that would be inundated by the base flood, that results from decertification of a previously accredited flood-protection system that is determined to be in the process of being restored to provide protection from the base flood or a greater level of protection, were redesignated Zone A99, an SFHA to be protected from the base flood by a Federal flood-protection system under construction, with no BFEs determined.

The modifications are shown on the enclosed annotated copies of FIRM Panels 0005 C, 0010 C, 0015 C, and 0025 C. Profile Panels 160P through 186P were deleted. This Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) hereby revises the above-referenced panels of the effective FIRM and the affected portions of the FIS report, both dated July 6, 1998.

Because this revision request also affects the Cities of Bellflower, Carson, Compton, Downey, Lakewood, Lynwood, Montebello, Paramount, Pico Rivera, and South Gate and the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, separate LOMRs for those communities were issued on the same date as this LOMR.

The modifications are effective as of the date shown above. The map panels as listed above and as modified by this letter will be used for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.

A review of the determination made by this LOMR and any requests to alter this determination should be made within 30 days. Any request to alter the determination must be based on scientific or technical data.

We will not physically revise and republish the FIRM and FIS report for your community to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. When changes to the previously cited FIRM panels and FIS report warrant physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at that time.

This LOMR is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development and for ensuring all necessary permits required by Federal or State law have been received. State, county, and community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction in the SFHA. If the State, county, or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP criteria.

Because this LOMR will not be printed and distributed to primary users, such as local insurance agents and mortgage lenders, your community will serve as a repository for these new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information reflected by this LOMR throughout the community, so that interested persons, such as property owners, local insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, may benefit from the information. We also encourage you to prepare an article for publication in your community's local newspaper. This article should describe the changes that have been made and the assistance that officials of your community will give to interested persons by providing these data and interpreting the NFIP maps.

Interested persons and lenders who wish to obtain a copy of this LOMR may contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) or may visit our website at www.fema.gov/mit/tsd/ST_order.htm. Persons who wish to obtain copies of all Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) as they are issued may subscribe to the LOMC Distribution Service. Information regarding this subscription service is available through the FEMA Map Service Center by calling, toll free, 1-800-358-9616.

This determination has been made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and is in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed NFIP criteria. These criteria are the minimum requirements and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature. This includes adoption of the effective FIRM and FIS report to which the regulations apply and the modifications described in this LOMR.

FEMA makes flood insurance available in participating communities; in addition, we encourage communities to develop their own loss reduction and prevention programs. Through the *Project Impact: Building Disaster Resistant Communities* initiative, launched by FEMA Director James Lee Witt in 1997, we seek to focus the energy of businesses, citizens, and communities in the United States on the importance of reducing their susceptibility to the impact of all natural disasters, including floods, hurricanes, severe storms, earthquakes, and wildfires. Natural hazard mitigation is most effective when it is planned for and implemented at the local level, by the entities who are most knowledgeable of local conditions and whose economic stability and safety are at stake. For your information, we are enclosing a copy of a pamphlet describing this nationwide initiative. For additional information on *Project Impact*, please visit our website at www.fema.gov/impact.

If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the NFIP in general, please contact the Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) for your community. Information on the CCO for your community may be obtained by contacting the Chief, Community Mitigation Programs Branch, Mitigation Division of FEMA in San Francisco, California, at (415) 923-7184. If you have any questions regarding this LOMR, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Sincerely,



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Mitigation Directorate

For: Matthew B. Miller, P.E., Chief
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Mitigation Directorate

Enclosures

cc: (See attached list.)