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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 00-09-177P

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

Community: City of Long Beach, California
Community No.: 060136
Panels Affected: 0005 C, 0010 C, and 0020 C
Effective Date of
This Revision: **FEB 25 2000**

102-I-A-C

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 November 17, 1999, Mr. Frank Williams, Planning Division, Department of Public Works, County of Los Angeles, requested that FEMA revise the FIRM and FIS report to show the effects of construction of the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Project along Compton Creek and the Los Angeles River from Ocean Boulevard to Long Beach Boulevard. This request follows up on a Conditional Letter of Map Revision issued on September 10, 1999.

All data required to complete our review of this request were submitted with letters from Mr. Carl L. Blum, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works, County of Los Angeles, and Mr. Williams.

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 FIS report. We have revised the FIRM and FIS report to modify the elevations, floodplain boundary delineations, and zone designations of the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) along the left bank (looking downstream) of the Los Angeles River from Ocean Boulevard in the vicinity of the Pacific Terrace Harbor to approximately 2,150 feet north of the Long Beach Boulevard bridge and along the right bank (looking downstream) of the Los Angeles River from just north of the Southern Pacific Railroad bridge to approximately 1,570 feet north of the Long Beach Boulevard bridge. As a result of the modifications, the base flood elevations (BFEs) for the Los Angeles River increased in some areas, decreased in other areas, and were removed in other areas, and the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area that would be inundated by the base flood, that was designated Zone AR has been redesignated Zone X (shaded) in some areas. However, the underlying SFHA in areas where the dual flood zone is designated remains as shown on the previously effective FIRM panels. The modifications are shown on the enclosed annotated copies of FIRM Panel(s) 0005 C, 0010 C, and 0020 C and Profile Panel(s) 160P and 170P. Profile Panels 168P, 169P, 173P, 174P, and 175P were deleted. This LOMR hereby revises the above-referenced panel(s) 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 Carson, Compton, Gardena, Lakewood, and Los Angeles 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 panel(s) as listed above and as modified by this letter will be used for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.

The following table is a partial listing of existing and modified BFEs:

Location	Existing BFE (feet)*	Modified BFE (feet)*
At intersection of Long Beach Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard	52	51
At intersection of Virginia Avenue and 48th Street	50	51
Just east of the Los Angeles River and south of the San Diego Freeway	38	None
Just upstream of intersection of Wardlow Road and Bellflower Boulevard	30	None
At intersection of Willow and Magnolia Avenues	23	None
Approximately 200 feet south of intersection of Santa Fe Avenue and 23rd Street	15	None
At intersection of Second Street and Pacific Coast Highway	11	None

*Referenced to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum, rounded to the nearest whole foot

Public notification of the proposed modified BFEs will be given in the *Press-Telegram* on or about March 16 and March 23, 2000. A copy of this notification is enclosed. In addition, a notice of changes will be published in the *Federal Register*. Within 90 days of the second publication in the *Press-Telegram*, a citizen may request that FEMA reconsider the determination made by this LOMR. Any request for reconsideration must be based on scientific or technical data. All interested parties are on notice that, until the 90-day period elapses, the determination to modify the BFEs presented in this LOMR may itself be modified.

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 a related article for publication in your community's local newspaper. This article should describe the assistance that officials of your community will give to interested persons by providing these data and interpreting the NFIP maps.

Interested persons 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 Web site 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.

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 panel(s) 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.

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 minimum NFIP criteria. These criteria are the minimum and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature. This includes adoption of the effective FIRM to which the regulations apply and the modifications described in this LOMR. Our records show that your community has met this requirement.

A Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) has been designated to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

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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 Web site 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 CCO for your community at the telephone number cited above. If you have any technical 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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