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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 05-09-0120P

The Honorable Roger Dickenson
Chair, Sacramento County
Board of Supervisors
700 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Community: Sacramento County, CA
Community No.: 060262
Panels Affected: 0185 F, 0190 E, 0195 F, 0205 E, 0215 E, 0305 F, and 0310 F
Effective Date of This Revision: FEB 18 2005

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Dear Mr. Dickenson:

This responds to a request that the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revise the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community in accordance with Part 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. In a letter dated October 26, 2004, Mr. David Brent, P.E., Manager, Engineering Services Division, Department of Utilities, City of Sacramento, requested that FEMA revise the FIRM to show the effects of updated topographic information, the completion and certification of the Sacramento Urban Levee Reconstruction Project and the Common Features Project, adequate progress on the South Sacramento County Streams Project, completion of construction of improvements to Folsom Dam, and the resumption of operation of the Folsom Reservoir. The Sacramento Urban Levee Reconstruction Project was constructed along the Sacramento River from Freeport (River Mile (RM) 46) to Verona (RM 79), and the Common Features Project was completed along the American River from approximately 1,600 feet downstream of H Street to approximately 400 feet downstream of Howe Street. The South Sacramento County Streams Project includes improvements to the North Beach levee and approximately 20 miles of floodwalls and levee improvements along Morrison, Elder, Florin, and Unionhouse Creeks. The improvements to Folsom Dam and the re-operation of Folsom Reservoir have reduced the discharges from the reservoir to the American River during the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) and are integral to the ability of the levees along the American River to meet the requirements of Section 65.10 of the NFIP regulations.

All data required to complete our review of this request were submitted with letters from Mr. Brent. 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. We have revised the FIRM to modify the zone designations of the base flood along the Sacramento River from RM 46 to RM 47; along the American River from approximately 3,500 feet upstream of Howe Avenue to approximately 1,000 feet downstream of Arden Way; along Morrison Creek from the confluence with the Sacramento River to approximately 700 feet upstream of 53rd Avenue; along Florin Creek from approximately 800 feet downstream of Center Parkway to just downstream of Del Coronado Way; and along Mayhew Drain from the confluence with the American River to approximately 1,000 feet upstream. As a result of the modifications, the widths of the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), the areas that

would be inundated by the base flood, for the Sacramento River, the American River, and Morrison Creek all decreased; the boundaries of the SFHA for Florin Creek remain unchanged; and the zone designation in the overbank areas was changed from Zone A99, an area to be protected from the base flood by a Federal flood-protection system where construction has reached specified statutory milestones, to Zone X (shaded), an area protected from the base flood by the construction of a levee, dike, or other structural measure. Also as a result of the modifications, the width of the SFHA for Mayhew Drain decreased, and the zone designation for Mayhew Drain was changed from Zone A99 to Zone AE, an SFHA with Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) determined. This revision does not include any revision to the effective SFHA boundaries, the boundaries of the effective regulatory floodway, the BFEs, or the flood profiles for the American River as a result of this reduced base flood discharge. The modifications are shown on the enclosed annotated copies of FIRM Panels 0185 F, 0190 E, 0195 F, 0205 E, 0215 E, 0305 F, and 0310 F. This LOMR hereby revises the above-referenced panels of the effective FIRM dated July 6, 1998.

Because this revision request also affects the City of Sacramento, a separate LOMR for that community was 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 are preparing a revised FIRM and FIS report for Sacramento County in our countywide format; therefore, we will not physically revise and republish the FIRM and FIS report for your community to incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. Preliminary copies of the countywide FIRM and FIS report, which will present information from the effective FIRMs and FIS reports for your community and other incorporated communities in Sacramento County, will be distributed for review in approximately 2 months. We will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR into the Preliminary copies of the countywide FIRM before it is distributed, and the modifications will be included when the countywide FIRM becomes effective.

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.

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 to which the regulations apply and the modifications described in this LOMR.

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 calling the Director, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division of FEMA in Oakland, California, at (510) 627-7103. If you have any questions regarding this LOMR, please call our Map Assistance Center, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Sincerely,

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