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Dear Property Owner or Resident:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FLOOD ZONE REVISIONS FOR SANTA CLARA RIVER STUDY

On December 2, 2020, the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) finalized the revision of its Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) in the Santa Clara River watershed of Los Angeles County. The revised FIRMs more accurately reflect the boundaries of Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) and other less severe flood hazard zones. **The revised FIRMs will become effective and replace the current FIRMs on June 2, 2021.**

You are receiving this letter because your property is within the SFHA boundaries shown on the current or revised FIRMs.

The current unincorporated area FIRM Panel Numbers being revised are:

06037C0600F	06037C0810F	06037C0875F
06037C0625F	06037C0815F	06037C0900F
06037C0640F	06037C0830F	06037C0925F
06037C0645F	06037C0835F	06037C1031F
06037C0800F	06037C0840F	06037C1032F
06037C0805F	06037C0845F	06037C1075F

The revised FIRMs map lower flood hazard risk on many properties. For some properties, the revised FIRMs map greater flood hazard risk, including newly mapping some properties into SFHAs. For other properties, the mapped flood hazard risk has not changed. To view the previous and revised flood zones on your property go to: pw.lacounty.gov/floodzone/newfemastudies (Search by your property's address or Assessor's Parcel Number).

Please note that insurable structures located in a SFHA (e.g., Zones A, AE, AH, AO) on the FEMA FIRM that have a federally-backed loan or have received some type of federal disaster assistance are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 (as amended) to maintain flood insurance as a condition of their loan or assistance. The mandatory purchase requirement is based on whether any part of the building footprint, including attached decks and other structures, is touching a SFHA.

If your structure or planned structure is located in a SFHA on the revised FEMA FIRM, contact your insurance agent as soon as possible to discuss your flood insurance rating options. Purchasing a flood insurance policy **before the revised flood map becomes effective on June 2, 2021**, may be a lower cost option.

However, if you are under a federal mandate to purchase flood insurance for your structure due to the current FIRMs, and the revised FIRMs show your structure to be outside the new SFHA boundary, **the mandatory purchase requirement may be removed as of June 2, 2021**.

FEMA and Los Angeles County Public Works encourage property owners and renters to discuss the purchase of flood insurance with their insurance agent regardless of their flood zone. More than one third of all National Flood Insurance Program claims originate on buildings located outside of the SFHAs. Properties can experience the following: floods larger than the magnitude upon which the FIRMs are based; flood hazards resulting from local drainage issues; or other unmapped flood hazards. Flood insurance on structures outside the high-risk areas can be obtained at a lower cost than those mapped in SFHAs.

Information from FEMA on purchasing flood insurance is available at: [floodsmart.gov/](https://www.floodsmart.gov/) or (877) 336-2627.

Residents are invited to attend a virtual meeting on WebEx® to discuss the updated FIRMs, flood insurance requirements, and flood zone mapping:

Unincorporated Acton, Agua Dulce and Canyon Country residents:
February 17, 2021, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Unincorporated Castaic and Val Verde residents:
February 18, 2021, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Recordings of virtual meetings will be available following each meeting.

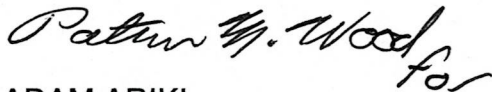
Visit the Santa Clara River Study website at: pw.lacounty.gov/wmd/NFIP/SCRWFEMAMapRevision to register for the virtual meeting, view recordings of the meetings, and find additional information such as Frequently Asked Questions.

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For more information, please contact Ms. Patricia Wood at (626) 458-6131 or pwood@pw.lacounty.gov. (Para hablar con alguien en Español, comuníquese con el Ing. Eduardo Escobar al (626) 458-4355 o edescoba@pw.lacounty.gov.)

Very truly yours,

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