

October 18, 2001

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and adopt the enclosed Countywide Floodplain Management Plan that is a new requirement by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to retain the County's current Class 8 rating in the Community Rating System that gives the County residents a 10 percent reduction in their flood insurance premiums.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

As a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), flood insurance is available to County residents. Since October 1990, the County has been participating in the Community Rating System program established by FEMA, which rewards the County and participating cities with reduced flood insurance premiums if they exceed minimum National Flood Insurance Program requirements.

In 1992, as part of the Community Rating System program, your Board adopted a Repetitive Loss Plan to address properties that had repetitive flood insurance losses. This Floodplain Management Plan is a new requirement for Community Rating System participation and replaces the current Repetitive Loss Plan. The Floodplain Management Plan was developed to address the repetitive flood damages/losses to the properties of the homeowners in the Malibu Lake, Topanga Canyon, Santa Monica Mountains, San Gabriel Mountains, and Quartz Hill communities.

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As required by FEMA, the County held several meetings with the affected residents and property owners who participated fully in the discussion of the purpose, scope, and benefits of the Floodplain Management Plan. They also provided information on the nature of the flood hazards in their respective situations. The Floodplain Management Plan investigated feasible alternatives to mitigate property damages in existing flood hazard areas by identifying properties that are subject to repetitive flood losses and identified activities that will prevent, reduce, and/or eliminate flood losses. Also, the Floodplain Management Plan will be used for public education on flood protection and prevention.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence as the Floodplain Management Plan identifies activities that will prevent, reduce, or eliminate flood losses to private flood-prone properties.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Unincorporated area residents currently benefit from the County Class 8 rating resulting in a 10 percent discount on flood insurance premiums. Adoption of this plan helps the County to maintain this Class 8 rating.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 31, 2000, your Board approved the execution of a consultant services agreement with Tetra Tech to prepare this Floodplain Management Plan.

This Floodplain Management Plan is part of the County's effort to reduce flood insurance premiums for homeowners in unincorporated County areas of Malibu Lake, Topanga Canyon, Santa Monica Mountains, San Gabriel Mountains, and Quartz Hill.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no adverse impact on any other current services as a result of this action.

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CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel