



**FEMA**

February 22, 2005

David Rickard  
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Dear Mr. Rickard:

We have completed the final review of the Santa Barbara County, California Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan and found the plan to be in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requirements. Other jurisdictions that participated in the plan's development are also eligible for approval when we receive signed documentation that the governing body of each jurisdiction has formally adopted the plan.

Santa Barbara County can be commended for its management of the multi-jurisdictional planning process to obtain the participation of each jurisdiction, specifically in the areas of Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategy. The maps, tables and references provided are clear and useful resources. This Plan gives clear direction for long-term planning to reduce the impacts of future disasters.

We have placed a copy of the approved plan into the National Emergency Management Information System (NEMIS) plans repository for future reference. The enclosed crosswalk provides specific recommendations to incorporate into the plan when Santa Barbara County undertakes its identified plan maintenance process.

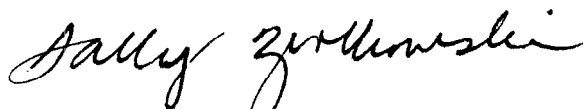
This plan is valid for five years from the approval date. The plan must be reviewed, updated and submitted to FEMA Region IX for approval at least once every five years. Regional approval will be based, in part, on the successful incorporation of our recommendations into subsequent iterations.

The approval of this Plan is not an indication that the actions described can automatically be funded by our Pre-Disaster Mitigation, Hazard Mitigation Grant and/or Flood Mitigation Assistance Programs. All requests for funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted. For example, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the aforementioned programs.

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If you have any questions regarding the planning process, please contact Helen DuBois, Mitigation Planning Coordinator, (510) 627-7272, or by email at [helen.dubois@dhs.gov](mailto:helen.dubois@dhs.gov). An alternate contact is Juliette Hayes, (510) 627-7211, or by email at [juliette.hayes@dhs.gov](mailto:juliette.hayes@dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Ziolkowski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S".

Sally Ziolkowski, Director  
Mitigation Division

Enclosure

Cc: John Rowden  
State Hazard Mitigation Officer  
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services