CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 18-09-1861P
Community Name: Santa Barbara County, CA
Community No.: 060331
Effective Date of This Revision: September 5, 2019

The Honorable Steve Lavagnino
Chairman, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
511 East Lakeside Parkway
Santa Barbara, CA 93454

Dear Mr. Lavagnino:

The Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community have been revised by this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). Please use the enclosed annotated map panels revised by this LOMR for floodplain management purposes and for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued in your community.

Additional documents are enclosed which provide information regarding this LOMR. Please see the List of Enclosures below to determine which documents are included. Other enclosures specific to this request may be included as referenced in the Determination Document. If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in general, please contact the Consultation Coordination Officer for your community. If you have any technical questions regarding this LOMR, please contact the Director, Mitigation Division of the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Oakland, California, at (510) 627-7175, or the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP). Additional information about the NFIP is available on our website at https://www.fema.gov/business/national-flood-insurance-program.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Patrick “Rick” F. Sachbit, P.E., Branch Chief
Engineering Services Branch
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

List of Enclosures:
Letter of Map Revision Determination Document
Annotated Flood Insurance Rate Map
Annotated Flood Insurance Study Report

cc: Mr. Yoganathan Thieruman, P.E.
Santa Barbara County

Mr. Jonathan S. Frye, P.E., CFM
Engineering Manager
Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Mr. Craig Steward, P.E., CFM
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
LETTER OF MAP REVISION
DETERMINATION DOCUMENT

COMMUNITY AND REVISION INFORMATION

COMMUNITY
Santa Barbara County
California
(Unincorporated Areas)

COMMUNITY NO.: 060331

IDENTIFIER
Garrapata Creek

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
NO PROJECT

BASIS OF REQUEST
HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS
UPDATED TOPOGRAPHIC DATA

ANOTATED MAPPING ENCLOSURES

TYPE: FIRM
NO.: 06083C1412H
DATE: September 28, 2018

TYPE: FIRM
NO.: 06083C1416H
DATE: September 28, 2018

DATE OF EFFECTIVE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY: September 28, 2018


ANOTATED STUDY ENCLOSURES

FLOODING SOURCE AND REVISED REACH

Garrapata Creek - from the confluence with the Pacific Ocean to approximately 280 feet upstream of Toro Canyon Road

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

Flooding Source
Garrapata Creek

Effective Flooding
Revised Flooding
Increases
Decreases
Zone AE
Zone AE
YES
YES
Zone AO
Zone AO
YES
YES
BFEs*
BFEs
YES
YES

* BFEs - Base Flood Elevations

DETERMINATION

This document provides the determination from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding a request for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the area described above. Using the information submitted, we have determined that a revision to the flood hazards depicted in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map is warranted. This document revises the effective NFIP map, as indicated in the attached documentation. Please use the enclosed annotated map panels revised by this LOMR for floodplain management purposes and for all flood insurance policies and renewals in your community.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 3601 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22304-6429. Additional information about the NFIP is available on our website at https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

APPLICABLE NFIP REGULATIONS/COMMUNITY OBIGATION
We have made this determination pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) and in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, P.L. 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, including adoption of the FIS report and FIRM, and the modifications made by this LOMR, are the minimum requirements for continued NFIP participation and do not supersede more stringent State/Commonwealth or local requirements to which the regulations apply.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS
We based this determination on the 1-percent-annual-chance flood discharges computed in the FIS for your community without considering subsequent changes in watershed characteristics that could increase flood discharges. Future development of projects upstream could cause increased flood discharges, which could cause increased flood hazards. A comprehensive restudy of your community’s flood hazards would consider the cumulative effects of development on flood discharges subsequent to the publication of the FIS report for your community and could, therefore, establish greater flood hazards in this area.

Your community must regulate all proposed floodplain development and ensure that permits required by Federal and/or State/Commonwealth law have been obtained. State/Commonwealth or community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction or may limit development in floodplain areas. If your State/Commonwealth or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, those criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP requirements.

We will not print and distribute this LOMR to primary users, such as local insurance agents or mortgage lenders; instead, the community will serve as a repository for the new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information in this LOMR by preparing a news release for publication in your community’s newspaper that describes the revision and explains how your community will provide the data and help interpret the NFIP maps. In that way, interested persons, such as property owners, insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, can benefit from the information.
LETTER OF MAP REVISION
DETERMINATION DOCUMENT (CONTINUED)

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

Ms. Juliette Hayes
Director, Mitigation Division
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX
1111 Broadway Street, Suite 1200
Oakland, CA 94607-4052
(510) 627-7175

STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY NFIP MAPS

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 panels and FIS report warrant physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at that time.
LETTER OF MAP REVISION
DETERMINATION DOCUMENT (CONTINUED)

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF REVISION

A notice of changes will be published in the Federal Register. This information also will be published in your local newspaper on or about the dates listed below, and through FEMA’s Flood Hazard Mapping website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/bfe_status/bfe_main.asp

LOCAL NEWSPAPER
Name: Santa Barbara News-Press
Dates: May 1, 2019 and May 8, 2019

Within 90 days of the second publication in the local newspaper, any interested party may request that we reconsider this determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on scientific or technical data. Therefore, this letter will be effective only after the 90-day appeal period has elapsed and we have resolved any appeals that we receive during this appeal period. Until this LOMR is effective, the revised flood hazard determination presented in this LOMR may be changed.