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The Honorable Richard J. Riordan
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 305E
Los Angeles, California 90012

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 94-09-540P

Community: City of Los Angeles,
California
Community No.: 060137
Panels Affected: 0054 C, 0063 C,
and 0072 D

Effective Date of
This Revision:

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Dear Mayor Riordan:

This is in response to a request for a revision to the effective Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map for your community. Specifically, this responds to a facsimile transmittal dated May 16, 1994, from Mr. Alan Ma, Planning Division, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW), regarding the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the City of Los Angeles, California. With his facsimile, Mr. Ma submitted additional information to support an April 12, 1994, request for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) from Mr. Brian T. Sasaki, Assistant Deputy Director, Planning Division, LACDPW. Mr. Sasaki asked that we change an April 20, 1992, request for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision by Mr. Carl L. Blum, Assistant Deputy Director, Planning Division, LACDPW, to a request for a LOMR. Mr. Sasaki also asked that we revise the effective FIRM to show the effects of the construction of the Pan Pacific Flood Control System, which includes a system of underground conduits that extend from just upstream of Ballona Creek to approximately 1,500 feet upstream of Hollywood Boulevard and the Pan Pacific Detention Basin, located in an area bounded by Third Street, Gardner Avenue, Stanley Avenue, and Beverly Boulevard.

All data required to complete our review of this request were submitted with Mr. Sasaki's eight letters dated from August 9, 1993, to April 26, 1994; a facsimile transmittal dated May 5, 1994, from Mr. Chris Stone, Planning Division, LACDPW; Mr. Blum's letters dated April 20 and December 8, 1992; and Mr. Ma's May 16 facsimile.

Because this LOMR shows the effects of a publicly sponsored flood-control project that reduces flooding to existing development, 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, and have revised the FIRM to modify the elevations, floodplain boundary delineations, and zone designations of a flood having a 1-percent probability of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) for the Zone AO (depth 1 foot) flooding along Genesee Avenue,

from just downstream of Sunset Boulevard to approximately 600 feet upstream of Hollywood Boulevard; the Zone AO (depth 1 foot) flooding along Laurel Canyon Boulevard, from just downstream to approximately 1,600 feet upstream of Selma Avenue; the Zone AO (depth 1 foot) flooding and the Zone AO (depth 2 feet) flooding bounded by Gardner Avenue, Oakwood Avenue, Wilshire Avenue, and Orlando Avenue; and the Zone AO (depth 1 foot) flooding and the Zone AO (depth 2 feet) flooding bounded by Olympic Boulevard, Holt Avenue, and Ballona Creek. In general, the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) has decreased for the entire length of the Pan Pacific Flood Control System, extending from just upstream of Ballona Creek to approximately 1,500 feet upstream of Hollywood Boulevard. However, the SFHA has increased in the area bounded by Gregory Way, Le Doux Road, Sherbourne Drive, and Olympic Boulevard.

The modifications are shown on the enclosed annotated copies of FIRM Panels 060137 0054 C, 0063 C, and 0072 D. This LOMR hereby revises Panels 0054 C and 0063 C of the effective FIRM dated December 2, 1980, and Panel 0072 D of the effective FIRM dated February 4, 1987.

The following table is a partial listing of existing and modified base (100-year) flood elevations (BFEs):

Location	Existing BFE (feet)#	Modified BFE (feet)#
Intersection of Le Doux Road and Chalmers Drive	None	1
Intersection of Schumacher Drive and Olympic Boulevard	None	1

#Depth in feet above ground

Public notification of the revised BFEs will be given in the Los Angeles Times on or about July 5 and July 12, 1994. A copy of this notification is enclosed. Within 90 days of the second publication in the local newspaper, a citizen may request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reconsider the determination made by this LOMR. Any request for reconsideration must be based on scientific or technical data. In addition, a notice of changes will be published in the Federal Register. We encourage you to supplement this notification by preparing an article for publication in your community newspaper. This article should describe the changes that have been made and the assistance your community will give in providing data and interpreting the NFIP maps. Because this LOMR will not be printed and distributed to users such as insurance agents and lenders, your community will serve as a repository for the new data.

We are now incorporating the modifications described in this LOMR into FIRM Panels 060137 0054 C, 0063 C, and 0072 D as a physical map revision. We will also incorporate the modifications described in this LOMR in the ongoing Restudy for the City of Los Angeles. To ensure that the revision will provide the most accurate and up-to-date information for floodplain management purposes, please review the effective FIS report and FIRM for your community to determine if additional changes should be made to the panels

being revised. These changes may include new streets within the floodplain, or changes to the floodplain boundary delineations.

Please submit, within 30 days, any requested changes along with supporting documentation (e.g., annotated copies of map panels, topographic mapping, as-built plans, or revised hydraulic analyses) to our Technical Evaluation Contractor at the following address:

Michael Baker Jr., Inc.
3601 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 600
Alexandria, Virginia 22304
(703) 960-8800

Attention: Mr. Massoud Rezakhani

This additional information will then be incorporated, as appropriate, into the FIS report and the FIRM Panels that are being revised. If data to support additional changes are not immediately available and additional time is needed, please inform us immediately.

Please note that LOMRs were issued on the same date as this LOMR for the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County to revise FIRM Panel 065043 0810 B, and for the City of West Hollywood to revise FIRM Panel 060720 0005 A.

This response to your request is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all proposed floodplain developments, including this request, and for ensuring that necessary permits required by Federal or State law have been received. With knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, State and community officials may set higher standards for construction, or may limit development in floodplain areas. If the State of California or the City of Los Angeles has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence.

The basis of this LOMR is, in part, a channel-modification project. NFIP regulations, as cited in Paragraph 60.3(b)(7), require that communities assure that the flood-carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained. This provision is incorporated into your community's existing floodplain management regulations. Consequently, the ultimate responsibility for maintenance of the channel modification rests with your community.

The map as listed above and as revised by this letter will be used for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.

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. Because of the modifications to the FIRM for your community made by this LOMR, certain additional requirements must be met under Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, within 6 months from the date of this letter. Prior to December 15, 1994,

your community is required, as a condition of continued eligibility in the NFIP, to adopt or show evidence of adoption of floodplain management regulations that meet the standards of Section 60.3(d) and (e) of the NFIP regulations. These standards are the minimum requirements and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature.

It must be emphasized that all of the standards specified in Section 60.3(d) and (e) of the NFIP regulations must be enacted in a legally enforceable document. This includes adoption of the effective FIRM and FIS report to which regulations apply and the modifications made by this LOMR. Some of the standards should already have been enacted by your community. Any additional requirements can be met by taking one of the following actions:

1. Amending existing regulations to incorporate any additional requirements of Section 60.3(d) and (e);
2. Adopting all of the standards of Section 60.3(d) and (e) into one new, comprehensive set of regulations; or
3. Showing evidence that regulations have previously been adopted that meet or exceed the minimum requirements of Section 60.3(d) and (e).

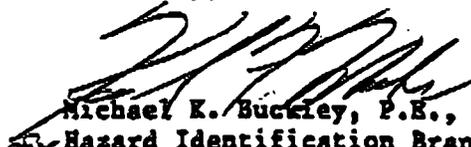
Communities that fail to enact the necessary floodplain management regulations will be suspended from participation in the NFIP and subject to the prohibitions contained in Section 202(a) of the Act as amended.

A Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) has been designated to assist your community with any difficulties you may be encountering in enacting the floodplain management regulations. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information on your CCO, please contact:

Mr. Tommie C. Hammer
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Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX
The Presidio of San Francisco, Building 105
San Francisco, California 94129-1250
(415) 923-7175

Any questions may be directed to your CCO.

Sincerely,



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