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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 94-09-716P

The Honorable Gloria Molina
Chairperson, Los Angeles County
Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Room 822
Los Angeles, California 90012

Community: Los Angeles County,
California
Community No.: 065043
Panels Affected: 0340 B and 0345 B
Effective Date of
This Revision:

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Dear Ms. Molina:

This is in response to a request for a revision to the effective Flood Insurance Study and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map for your community. Specifically, this responds to a letter dated June 27, 1994, from Mr. Brian T. Sasaki, Assistant Deputy Director, Planning Division, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW), regarding the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Los Angeles County, California. Mr. Sasaki requested that we revise the effective FIRM to show the effects of the placement of fill, the construction of a concrete-lined retaining wall, channelization, and more detailed topographic data along Castaic Creek from Interstate Highway 5 to approximately 2,700 feet downstream of Interstate Highway 5.

All data required to complete our review of this request were submitted with Mr. Sasaki's letters dated June 27 and November 28, 1994; a transmittal dated December 13, 1994, from Mr. Luis Cuevas, LACDPW; and a letter dated January 23, 1995, from Mr. Gerald R. Price, P.E., Sikand Engineering Associates. All fees necessary to process this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), a total of \$2,420, have been received.

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 floodplain boundary delineations of a flood having a 1-percent probability of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) along Castaic Creek from Interstate Highway 5 to approximately 2,700 feet downstream of Interstate Highway 5.

As a result of the placement of fill and the construction of the concrete-lined retaining wall on the west bank of Castaic Creek and channelization from approximately 250 feet downstream of Interstate Highway 5 to approximately 1,800 feet downstream of Interstate Highway 5, the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) has decreased in width a maximum of 600 feet approximately 1,725 feet downstream of Interstate Highway 5. Because of more detailed topographic data, the SFHA increased in width for a 1,100-foot reach on the east bank. The increase in SFHA is located downstream of the improvements with a maximum increase of 350 feet approximately 2,250 feet downstream of Interstate Highway 5. No insurable structures are affected by the increase in the SFHA.

The modifications are shown on the enclosed annotated copy of FIRM Panels 0340 B and 0345 B. This LOMR hereby revises these panels of the effective FIRM dated December 2, 1980.

The revisions are effective as of the date of this letter; however, a review of the determination made by this LOMR and any requests to alter this determination should be made within 30 days. Any request to alter the determination must be based on scientific or technical data.

Due to present funding constraints, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must limit the number of physical map revisions processed. Consequently, we will not republish the FIRM for your community to reflect the determination of this LOMR at this time. However, when changes to FIRM Panels 0340 B and 0345 B for your community warrant a physical revision and republication in the future, the determination in this LOMR will be incorporated at that time.

This response to Mr. Sasaki's 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 your community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence.

The basis of this LOMR is, in whole or 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.

Because this LOMR will not be printed and distributed to primary users, such as local insurance agents and mortgage lenders, your community will serve as a repository for these new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information reflected by this LOMR throughout the community, so that interested persons, such as property owners, local insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, may benefit from the information. We also encourage you to prepare an article for publication in your community's local newspaper. This article should describe the changes that have been made and the assistance that officials of your community will give to interested persons by providing these data and interpreting the NFIP maps.

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

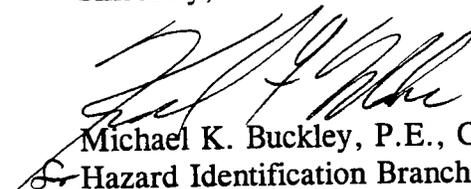
This determination has been made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and is in accordance with the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. 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 minimum NFIP criteria. These criteria are the minimum and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature. This includes adoption of the effective FIRM to which the regulations apply and the modifications made by this LOMR. Our records show that your community has met this requirement.

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

Mr. Tommie C. Hamner
 Director, Mitigation Division
 Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX
 The Presidio of San Francisco, Building 105
 San Francisco, California 94129-1250
 (415) 923-7177

If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the NFIP in general, please contact the CCO for your community at the telephone number cited above. If you have any technical questions regarding this LOMR, please contact Mr. John Magnotti of our staff in Washington, DC, either by telephone at (202) 646-3932 or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596.

Sincerely,



Michael K. Buckley, P.E., Chief
 Hazard Identification Branch
 Mitigation Directorate

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Brian T. Sasaki
 Assistant Deputy Director
 Planning Division
 LACDPW

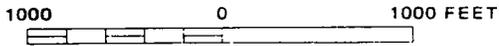
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MAP LEGEND

 Revised 100-Year Floodplain



APPROXIMATE SCALE



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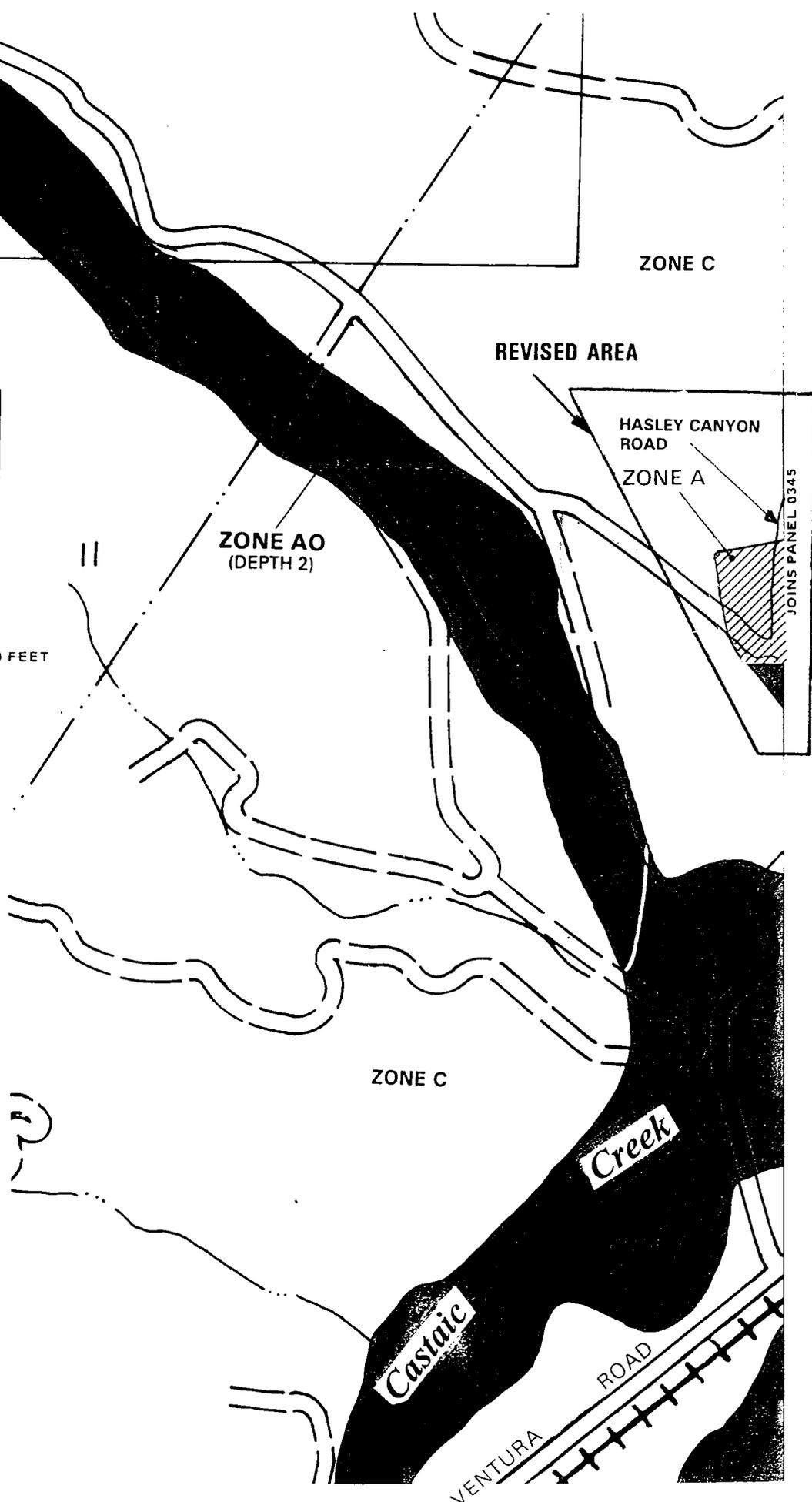
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ZONE C

HASLEY CANYON ROAD

REVISED AREA

CASTAIC CREEK

ZONE A

ZONE C

JOINS PANEL

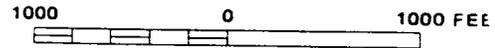
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