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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 95-09-398P

The Honorable Gloria Molina
Chairperson, Los Angeles County
Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Room 856
Los Angeles, California 90012

Community: Los Angeles County, California
Community No.: 065043
Panel Affected: 0345 B
Effective Date of
This Revision: **OCT 25 1995**

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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 August 2, 1995, from Mr. David Yamahara, 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. With his letter, Mr. Yamahara provided additional information to support a March 27, 1995, request for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) from Mr. Brian T. Sasaki, former Assistant Deputy Director, Planning Division, LACDPW. Mr. Sasaki requested that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revise the effective FIRM to show the effects of updated topographic information; construction of a levee along the left overbank of the Santa Clara River from just upstream to approximately 1,200 feet upstream of McBean Parkway; channelization along the Santa Clara River from approximately 1,200 feet upstream of McBean Parkway to its confluence with the South Fork Santa Clara River; and channelization along the South Fork Santa Clara River from its confluence with the Santa Clara River to approximately 1,200 feet upstream of the confluence.

All data required to complete our review of this request were submitted with Mr. Yamahara's August 2 letter, and letters dated March 27 and June 21, 1995, from Mr. Sasaki. All fees necessary to process this LOMR, a total of \$2,490, 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 and zone designations of a flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) along the Santa Clara River from approximately 500 feet downstream of McBean Parkway to approximately 1,800 feet upstream of its confluence with the South Fork Santa Clara River and along the South Fork Santa Clara River from its confluence with the Santa Clara River to approximately 1,200 feet upstream of the confluence.

The width of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) decreased along the entire revised reaches of the Santa Clara River and the South Fork Santa Clara River. The maximum decrease in SFHA width, 500 feet, occurs approximately 800 feet upstream of McBean Parkway. The SFHA shifted to the left (looking downstream) along the Santa Clara River from approximately 500 feet downstream of McBean Parkway to just upstream of McBean Parkway. The maximum shift in SFHA width, 120 feet, occurs approximately 100 feet downstream of McBean Parkway. The SFHA behind the levee from just upstream to approximately 600 feet upstream of McBean Parkway has been designated Zone A, an area inundated

by the base flood with no base flood elevations determined, because of the ponding of floodwater on the landward side of the levee due to interior flooding. During a telephone conversation on September 12, 1995, with a representative of our Technical Evaluation Contractor, Mr. Allen Ma, Principal Civil Engineering Assistant, LACDPW, stated that all property affected by the shift in SFHA is owned by Newhall Land and Farming, the initiator of the request.

This revision affects Tract Numbers 41960 and 43712 in Los Angeles County and the City of Santa Clarita, California. All changes to the SFHA are contained within the county boundary of Los Angeles County.

The modification is shown on the enclosed annotated copy of FIRM Panel 0345 B. This LOMR hereby revises this panel 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, we must limit the number of physical map revisions processed. Consequently, we will not republish the FIRM for your community to reflect the modifications described in this LOMR at this time. However, when changes to FIRM Panel 0345 B for your community warrant a physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications described in this LOMR at that time.

This response to Mr. Yamahara's request is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development, 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 panel as listed above and as revised by this letter will be used for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.

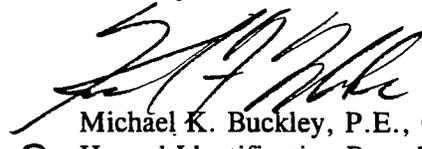
This determination has been made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and is in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. 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:

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Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX
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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,


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Mitigation Directorate

Enclosure

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MAP LEGEND

- Revised 100-Year Floodplain
- Revised 500-Year Floodplain



NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA
(UNINCORPORATED AREAS)

REVISED TO
DATE 5/10/80

REPLACES
DATE 11/80

COMMUNITY-PANEL NUMBER
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DECEMBER 2, 1980

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