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Case No.: 97-09-361P

The Honorable Zev Yaroslavsky
Chairperson, Los Angeles County
Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Suite 821
Los Angeles, California 90012

Community: Los Angeles County, California
Community No.: 065043
Panel Affected: 0340 B
Effective Date of
This Revision: MAR 19 1997

102-I-A-C

Dear Mr. Yaroslavsky:

This responds to a request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revise the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community, in accordance with Part 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. In a letter dated December 23, 1996, Mr. David Yamahara, Assistant Deputy Director, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, requested that FEMA revise the FIRM, to show the effects of channelization along Hasley Canyon Creek from approximately 950 feet downstream of Backer Road to approximately 2,750 feet upstream of Backer Road. This request follows up on a Conditional Letter of Map Revision issued on January 24, 1996.

All data required to complete our review of this request were submitted with letters from Mr. Yamahara.

We have completed our review of the submitted data and the flood data shown on the effective FIRM. We have revised the FIRM to modify the elevations, floodplain boundary delineations, and zone designations of the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) along Hasley Canyon Creek. As a result of the modifications, the base flood elevations (BFEs) for Hasley Canyon Creek increased in some areas and decreased in other areas; and the width of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area that would be inundated by the base flood, increased in some areas and decreased in other areas. The increase in the SFHA width is due to a shift in the channel alignment. The base flood is contained within the identified channel banks at the location of the BFE increases and at the location of the SFHA shift. The zone designation has changed from Zone AO (depth 2), an area subject to the base flood with average depths less than 2 feet, to Zone A, an area inundated by the base flood with no BFEs determined. The modifications are shown on the enclosed annotated copy of FIRM Panel(s) 065043 0340 B. This Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) hereby revises the above-referenced panel(s) of the effective FIRM dated December 2, 1980.

The modifications are effective as of the date shown above. The map panel(s) as listed above and as modified by this letter will be used for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.

The following table is a partial listing of existing and modified BFEs:

Location	Existing BFE (feet)*	Modified BFE (feet)
950 feet downstream of Backer Road	2	None
2,750 feet upstream of Backer Road	2	None

* Depth in feet above ground

Public Notification of the proposed modified BFEs will be given in the *Daily Commerce* on or about April 9 and April 16, 1997. A copy of this notification is enclosed. In addition, a notice of changes will be published in the *Federal Register*. Within 90 days of the second publication in the *Daily Commerce*, a citizen may request that FEMA reconsider the determination made by this LOMR. Any request for reconsideration must be based on scientific or technical data. All interested parties are on notice that, until the 90-day period elapses, the determination to modify the BFEs presented in this LOMR may itself be modified.

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 a related 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.

We will not physically revise and republish the FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. When changes to the previously cited FIRM panel(s) and FIS report warrant physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at that time.

This LOMR is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development, and for ensuring all necessary permits required by Federal or State law have been received. State, county, and community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction in the SFHA. If the State, county, or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP criteria.

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 modified channel rests with 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:

Ms. Dorothy M. Lacey
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,

Frederick H. Sharrocks, Jr., Chief
Hazard Identification Branch
Mitigation Directorate

Enclosure(s)

cc: Mr. David Yamahara
Assistant Deputy Director
Planning Division
County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works

CHANGES ARE MADE IN DETERMINATIONS OF BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, UNDER THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

On December 2, 1980, the Federal Emergency Management Agency identified Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, California, through issuance of a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The Mitigation Directorate has determined that modification of the elevations of the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) for certain locations in this community is appropriate. The modified base flood elevations (BFEs) revise the FIRM for the community.

The changes are being made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and are 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.

A hydraulic analysis was performed to incorporate channelization along Hasley Canyon Creek from approximately 950 feet downstream of Backer Road to approximately 2,750 feet upstream of Backer Road and has resulted in an increase in SFHA, and BFEs for Hasley Canyon Creek. The aforementioned channelized portion of Hasley Canyon Creek contains the base flood. The table below indicates existing and modified BFEs for selected locations along the affected lengths of the flooding source(s) cited above.

Location	Existing BFE (feet)*	Modified BFE (feet)*
950 feet downstream of Backer Road	2	None
2,750 feet upsteram of Backer Road	2	None

*Depth in feet above ground

Under the above-mentioned Acts of 1968 and 1973, the Mitigation Directorate must develop criteria for floodplain management. To participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the community must use the modified BFEs to administer the floodplain management measures of the NFIP. These modified BFEs will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and contents.

Upon the second publication of notice of these changes in this newspaper, any person has 90 days in which he or she can request, through the Chief Executive Officer of the community, that the Mitigation Directorate reconsider the determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on knowledge of changed conditions or new scientific or technical data. All interested parties are on notice that until the 90-day period elapses, the Mitigation Directorate's determination to modify the BFEs may itself be changed.

Any person having knowledge or wishing to comment on these changes should immediately notify:

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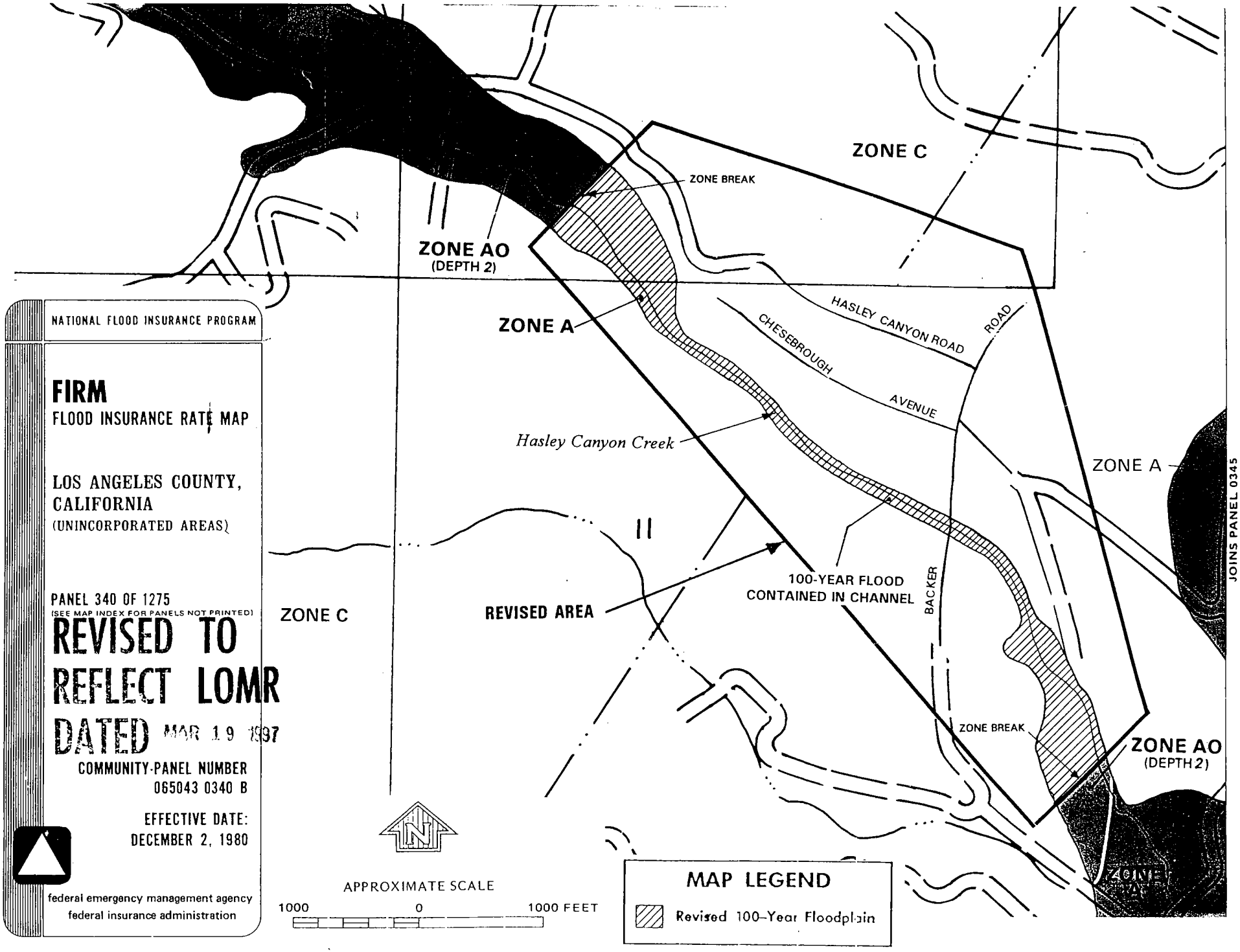
NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM
FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
(UNINCORPORATED AREAS)
PANEL 340 OF 1275
(SEE MAP INDEX FOR PANELS NOT PRINTED)
REVISED TO REFLECT LOMR
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COMMUNITY-PANEL NUMBER
065043 0340 B
EFFECTIVE DATE:
DECEMBER 2, 1980
federal emergency management agency
federal insurance administration
ZONE C
ZONE BREAK
ZONE AO
(DEPTH 2)
ZONE A
HASLEY CANYON ROAD
CHESEBROUGH AVENUE
ROAD
Hasley Canyon Creek
ZONE A
JOINS PANEL 0345
ZONE C
REVISED AREA
100-YEAR FLOOD
CONTAINED IN CHANNEL
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ZONE BREAK
ZONE AO
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