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FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP INFORMATION FOR LENDING INSTITUTIONS AND REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENTS

The County of Los Angeles is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and its Community Rating System for County unincorporated areas. To help reduce the risk of flooding, Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) annually provides valuable flood protection information and other services to affected property owners, residents, and businesses.

Our records indicate your company may engage in business related to property transactions in County unincorporated areas. Accordingly, Public Works is informing you of the services we provide and the materials we make available to your clients in County unincorporated areas. A summary of the materials and services is provided below. Visit our website for more information at: pw.lacounty.gov/wmd/nfip.

- **Flood Zone Determinations**

These are determinations of the flood zone as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the County unincorporated areas. Special Flood Hazard Areas (100-year flood zones) and other flood zones are also shown on our Flood Zone Determination website at: pw.lacounty.gov/floodzone.

- **Flood Insurance Rate Map Data**

The FIRM data provided for properties includes the FIRM Panel Number, effective date, flood zone, and Base Flood Elevation/Depth of flooding, if available.

- **Flood Insurance Rate Map Updates**

Updates to the FIRMs are made as flood control facilities are constructed, studies are completed to better define the flood hazards, or other changes are made.

- **Flood Insurance Information**

Information on the flood insurance purchase requirement for properties with federally-backed mortgages in the Special Flood Hazard Area is provided in the enclosed handout.

Additional information can be obtained from FEMA's NFIP Program Website at: [fema.gov/flood-insurance](https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance).

- **Elevation Certificates**

These certificates document a building's lowest floor and, when available, the Base Flood Elevation. We maintain Elevation Certificates for new and substantially improved structures in Special Flood Hazard Areas in County unincorporated areas dating from December 2, 1980. The information can be found on our website at: pw.lacounty.gov/WMD/NFIP/EC.

- **Additional Flood and Flood Insurance Rate Map Information**

We also provide more information on the FIRMs, issues not shown on the FIRMs, special flood-related hazards, historical flood information, and natural functions of the floodplain.

- **Contacts for Jurisdictions in the County of Los Angeles**

Enclosed is a list of contacts for cities in the County of Los Angeles, which can provide NFIP and FIRM information for properties within their jurisdiction. It is recommended that a copy of this list be forwarded to your branch offices.

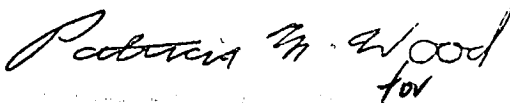
- **National Flood Insurance Program Website**

More information on the County's participation in the NFIP or the Community Rating System is available at: pw.lacounty.gov/wmd/nfip.

If you have any questions or want to obtain copies of resources for your use, please contact Ms. Patricia Wood at (626) 458-6131 or pwood@pw.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

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