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## Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

### LETTER OF MAP REVISION **DETERMINATION DOCUMENT**

COMMUNITY AND REVISION INFORMATION		PROJECT DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF REQUEST	
COMMUNITY	City of Santa Clarita Los Angeles County California	NO PROJECT	UPDATE	
	COMMUNITY NO.: 060729			
IDENTIFIER	City of Santa Clarita Panel 06037C0820F Update	APPROXIMATE LATITUDE & LONGITUDE: 34.412, -118.543 SOURCE: USGS QUADRANGLE DATUM: NAD 83		
	ANNOTATED MAPPING ENCLOSURES	ANNOTATED STUDY ENCLOSURES		
TYPE: FIRM*	NO.: 06037C0820F DATE: September 26, 2008	NO REVISION TO THE FLOOD INSURA	NCE STUDY REPORT	
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Enclosures reflect changes to flooding sources affected by this revision.

\* FIRM - Flood Insurance Rate Map; \*\* FBFM - Flood Boundary and Floodway Map; \*\*\* FHBM - Flood Hazard Boundary Map

#### FLOODING SOURCE(S) & REVISED REACH(ES)

South Fork Santa Clara River - from approximately 350 feet upstream of Valencia Boulevard to approximately 7,900 feet upstream

#### SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) is an update to the FIRM for Los Angeles County, California and Incorporated Areas, which became effective on September 26, 2008. The Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), the areas subject to inundation by the base (1-percent-annual-chance) flood, and zone designations which were inadvertently modified, have been revised to more accurately represent the flood hazard data.

\* BFEs - Base Flood Elevations

#### DETERMINATION

This document provides the determination from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding a request for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the area described above. Using the information submitted, we have determined that a revision to the flood hazards depicted in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and/or National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map is warranted. This document revises the effective NFIP map, as indicated in the attached documentation. Please use the enclosed annotated map panels revised by this LOMR for floodplain management purposes and for all flood insurance policies and renewals in your community.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 7390 Coca Cola Drive, Suite 204, Hanover, MD 21076. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our website at http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip.

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#### COMMUNITY INFORMATION

#### APPLICABLE NFIP REGULATIONS/COMMUNITY OBLIGATION

We have made this determination pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) and in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, P.L. 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 NFIP criteria. These criteria, including adoption of the FIS report and FIRM, and the modifications made by this LOMR, are the minimum requirements for continued NFIP participation and do not supersede more stringent State/Commonwealth or local requirements to which the regulations apply.

#### **COMMUNITY REMINDERS**

We based this determination on the 1-percent-annual-chance flood discharges computed in the FIS for your community without considering subsequent changes in watershed characteristics that could increase flood discharges. Future development of projects upstream could cause increased flood discharges, which could cause increased flood hazards. A comprehensive restudy of your community's flood hazards would consider the cumulative effects of development on flood discharges subsequent to the publication of the FIS report for your community and could, therefore, establish greater flood hazards in this area.

Your community must regulate all proposed floodplain development and ensure that permits required by Federal and/or State/Commonwealth law have been obtained. State/Commonwealth or community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction or may limit development in floodplain areas. If your State/Commonwealth or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, those criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP requirements.

We will not print and distribute this LOMR to primary users, such as local insurance agents or mortgage lenders; instead, the community will serve as a repository for the new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information in this LOMR by preparing a news release for publication in your community's newspaper that describes the revision and explains how your community will provide the data and help interpret the NFIP maps. In that way, interested persons, such as property owners, insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, can benefit from the information.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Information exchange (FMIX), toll free, at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 7390 Coca Cola Drive, Suite 204, Hanover, MD 21076. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our website at http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip.



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

Ms. Sally M. Ziolkowski
Director, Mitigation Division
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX
1111 Broadway Street, Suite 1200
Oakland, CA 94607-4052
(510) 627-7175

#### STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY NFIP MAPS

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

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 7390 Coca Cola Drive, Suite 204, Hanover, MD 21076. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our website at http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF REVISION**

A notice of changes will be published in the *Federal Register*. This information also will be published in your local newspaper on or about the dates listed below and through FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping website at <a href="https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/Scripts/bfe\_main.asp">https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/Scripts/bfe\_main.asp</a>.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER

Name: Santa Clarita Valley Signal

Dates: February 9, 2012 and February 16, 2012

Within 90 days of the second publication in the local newspaper, a citizen may request that we reconsider this determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on scientific or technical data. Therefore, this letter will be effective only after the 90-day appeal period has elapsed and we have resolved any appeals that we receive during this appeal period. Until this LOMR is effective, the revised flood hazard determination information presented in this LOMR may be changed.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 7390 Coca Cola Drive, Suite 204, Hanover, MD 21076. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our website at http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip.

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## NOTES TO USERS

This map is for use in administering the National Flood Insurance Program. It does not necessarily identify all areas subject to flooding, particularly from local drainage sources of small size. The **community map repository** should be consulted for possible updated or additional flood hazard information.

To obtain more detailed information in areas where **Base Flood Elevations** (BFEs) and/or **floodways** have been determined, users are encouraged to consult the Flood Profiles and Floodway Data and/or Summary of Stillwater Elevations tables contained within the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report that accompanies this FIRM. Users should be aware that BFEs shown on the FIRM represent rounded whole–foot elevations. These BFEs are intended for flood insurance rating purposes only and should not be used as the sole source of flood elevation information. Accordingly, flood elevation data presented in the FIS report should be utilized in conjunction with the FIRM for purposes of construction and/or floodplain management.

Coastal Base Flood Elevations shown on this map apply only landward of 0.0' North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88). Users of this FIRM should be aware that coastal flood elevations are also provided in the Summary of Stillwater Elevations table in the Flood Insurance Study report for this jurisdiction. Elevations shown in the Summary of Stillwater Elevations table should be used for construction and/or floodplain management purposes when they are higher than the elevations shown on this FIRM.

Boundaries of the **floodways** were computed at cross sections and interpolated between cross sections. The floodways were based on hydraulic considerations with regard to requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. Floodway widths and other pertinent floodway data are provided in the Flood Insurance Study report for this jurisdiction.

Certain areas not in Special Flood Hazard Areas may be protected by **flood control structures**. Refer to Section 2.4 "Flood Protection Measures" of the Flood Insurance Study report for information on flood control structures for this jurisdiction.

The **projection** used in the preparation of this map was Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) zone 11. The **horizontal datum** was NAD83, GRS1980 spheroid. Differences in datum, spheroid, projection or UTM zones used in the production of FIRMs for adjacent jurisdictions may result in slight differences in map features across jurisdiction boundaries. These differences do not affect the accuracy of this FIRM.

Flood elevations on this map are referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988. These flood elevations must be compared to structure and ground elevations referenced to the same **vertical datum**. For information regarding conversion between the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 and the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, visit the National Geodetic Survey website at http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/ or contact the National Geodetic Survey at the following address:

NGS Information Services NOAA, N/NGS12 National Geodetic Survey SSMC-3, #9202 1315 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282

To obtain current elevation, description, and/or location information for **bench marks** shown on this map, please contact the Information Services Branch of the National Geodetic Survey at **(301)** 713–3242, or visit its website at http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/.

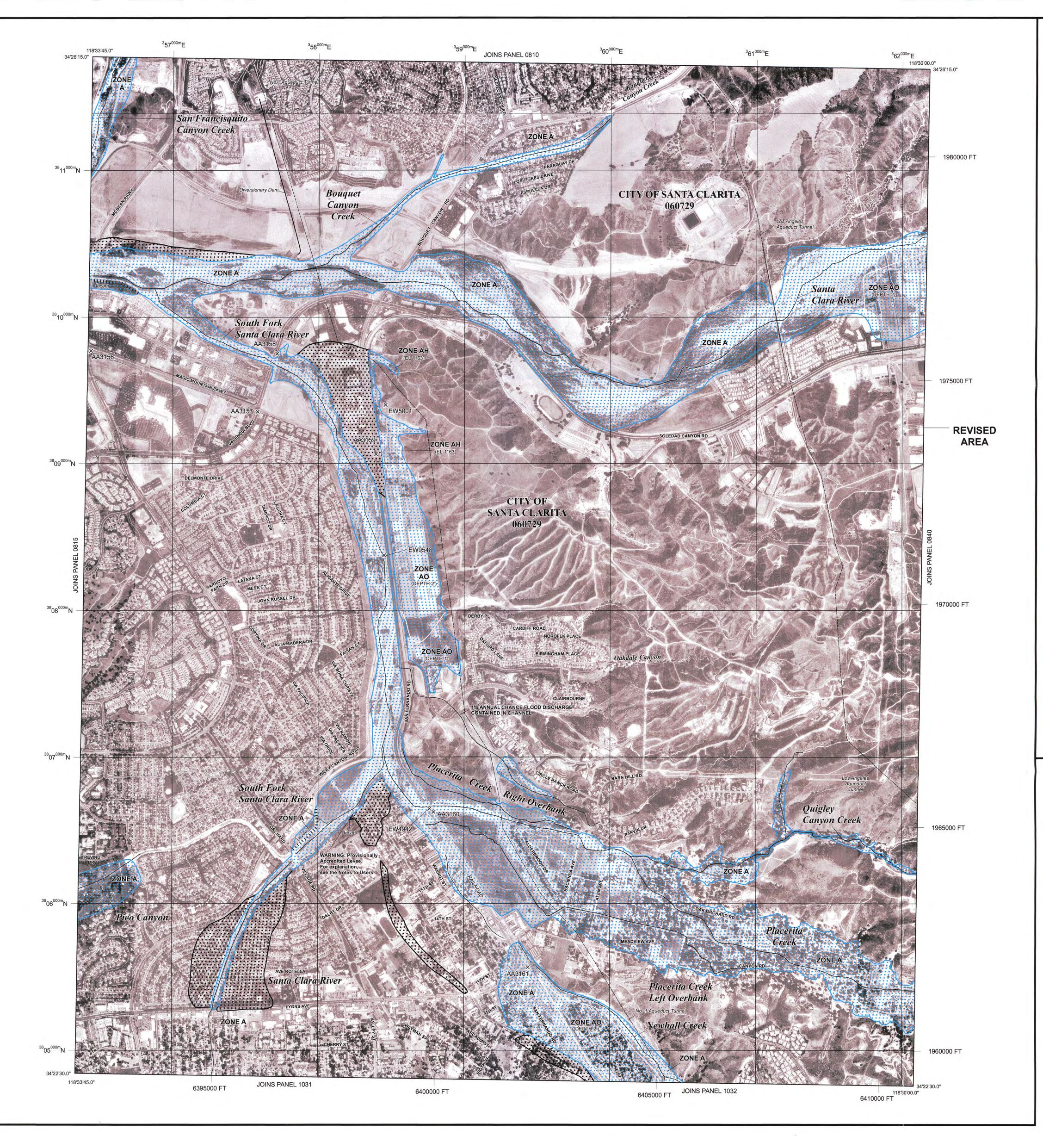
Base map information shown on this FIRM was derived from U.S> Geological Survey Digital Orthophoto Quadrangles produced at a scale of 1:12,000 from photography dated 1994 or later and from National Geospatial Intelligence Agency imagery produced at a scale of 1:4,000 from photography dated 2003 or later.

This map reflects more detailed and up-to-date **stream channel configurations** than those shown on the previous FIRM for this jurisdiction. The floodplains and floodways that were transferred from the previous FIRM may have been adjusted to conform to these new stream channel configurations. As a result, the Flood Profiles and Floodway Data tables *in the Flood Insurance Study report (which contains authoritative hydraulic data)* may reflect stream channel distances that differ from what is shown on this map.

Corporate limits shown on this map are based on the best data available at the time of publication. Because changes due to annexations or de-annexations may have occurred after this map was published, map users should contact appropriate community officials to verify current corporate limit locations.

Please refer to the separately printed **Map Index** for an overview map of the county showing the layout of map panels; community map repository addresses; and a Listing of Communities table containing National Flood Insurance Program dates for each community as well as a listing of the panels on which each community is located.

For information and questions about this map, available products associated with this FIRM including historic versions of this FIRM, how to order products or the National Flood Insurance Program in general, please call the FEMA Map Information eXchange at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) or visit the **FEMA Map Service Center** website at http://msc.fema.gov. Available products may include previously issued Letters of Map Change, a Flood Insurance Study Report, and/or digital versions of this map. Many of these products can be ordered or obtained directly from the website. Users may determine the current map date for each FIRM panel by visiting the **FEMA Map Service Center** website or by calling the FEMA Map Information eXchange.



## **LEGEND**

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS (SFHAs) SUBJECT TO INUNDATION BY THE 1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD

The 1% annual chance flood (100-year flood), also known as the base flood, is the flood that has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The Special Flood Hazard Area is the area subject to flooding by the 1% annual chance flood. Areas of Special Flood Hazard include Zones A, AE, AH, AO, AR, A99, V and VE. The Base Flood Elevation is the water-surface elevation of the 1% annual chance flood.

ZONE A No Base Flood Elevations determined.

ZONE AE Base Flood Elevations determined.

ZONE AH Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); Base Flood Elevations determined.

ZONE AO Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain);

Special Flood Hazard Area formerly protected from the 1% annual chance flood by a flood control system that was subsequently decertified. Zone AR indicates that the former flood control system is being restored to provide protection from the 1% annual chance or

average depths determined. For areas of alluvial fan flooding, velocities

Area to be protected from 1% annual chance flood by a Federal flood protection system under construction; no Base Flood Elevations determined.

ZONE V Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); no Base Flood Elevations determined.

ZONE VE Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); Base Flood Elevations determined.

FLOODWAY AREAS IN ZONE AE

The floodway is the channel of a stream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in flood heights.

OTHER FLOOD AREAS

Areas of 0.2% annual chance flood; areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance

COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM (CBRS) AREAS

OTHER AREAS

ONE X

Areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain.

ONE D

Areas in which flood hazards are undetermined, but possible.

OTHERWISE PROTECTED AREAS (OPAs)

CBRS areas and OPAs are normally located within or adjacent to Special Flood Hazard Areas.

1% annual chance floodplain boundary
0.2% annual chance floodplain boundary
Floodway boundary

Zone D boundary

Zone D boundary

CBRS and OPA boundary

Boundary dividing Special Flood Hazard Areas of different

Base Flood Elevation line and value; elevation in feet\*

(EL 987)

Base Flood Elevation value where uniform within zone; elevation in feet\*

\* Referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88)

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Cross section line

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Transect line

Geographic coordinates referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83)

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid values, zone 11

6000000 FT

5000-foot grid ticks: California State Plane coordinate Lambert Conformal Conic

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Bench mark (see explanation in Notes to Users section of this FIRM panel)

MAP REPOSITORIES
Refer to Map Repositories list on Map Index

EFFECTIVE DATE OF COUNTYWIDE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP September 26, 2008 EFFECTIVE DATE(S) OF REVISION(S) TO THIS PANEL

For community map revision history prior to countywide mapping, refer to the Community Map History table located in the Flood Insurance Study report for this jurisdiction.

To determine if flood insurance is available in this community, contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-638-6620.

MAP SCALE 1" = 1000'

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PANEL 0820F

METERS

FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP
LOS ANGELES COUNTY,

**CALIFORNIA** 

AND INCORPORATED AREAS

PANEL 820 OF 2350

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(SEE MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY

NUMBER PANEL SUFFIX

SANTA CLARITA, CITY OF 060729 0820

REVISED TO REFLECT LOMR EFFECTIVE: June 15, 2012

Notice to User: The **Map Number** shown below should be used when placing map orders; the **Community Number** shown above should be used on insurance applications for the subject



06037C0820F EFFECTIVE DATE SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

MAP NUMBER

Federal Emergency Management Agency



May 13, 2008

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** 

Mitigation Division Directors

Regions I - X

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FROM:

Doug Bellomo, P.E., Director

Risk Analysis Division

**SUBJECT:** 

Procedure Memorandum No. 49 - Revisions to Appendix K

of Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard

Mapping Partners

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 

Required for all FY09 study starts. Optional for all

ongoing studies.

**Background:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) developed the *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners (Guidelines)* in February 2002 and updated portions in April 2003. The *Guidelines* define the technical requirements and product specifications for production of flood hazard maps and related Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) products. The *Guidelines* consists of an introduction, three volumes and 14 appendices.

Appendix K of the *Guidelines* sets forth specifications for the graphic elements that are shown on Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), including the mapping format representation, presentation of base map information, map frame sizing, legend, title block and notes to user appearance, and presentation of flood hazard information. It also addresses the specifications for the FIRM Map Index, Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (FBFM) Map Index and all Preliminary and Final map deliverables.

Issue: FEMA is taking steps to make the digital flood data the source for all mapping products, including the paper FIRMs. As part of that process, FEMA is revising mapping specifications outlined in Appendix K for the graphical presentation of the FIRMs to be derived from DFIRM information. This will allow FEMA to continue to make paper mapping products available into the future as flood hazard mapping shifts to digital production and distribution processes and tools.

Although FEMA is currently in the process of updating Appendix K of the *Guidelines*, changes to labeling and symbols associated with the format of FIRMs can be implemented immediately in an effort to simplify the production process and achieve cost savings.

Action Taken: The specifications provided in Attachment A supersede the indicated sections of Appendix K of the *Guidelines*. At the effective date of this memorandum.

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implementation is optional. Implementation is required for studies started on or after October 1, 2008.

Enclosure: Attachment A

cc: See Distribution List

**Distribution List** (electronic distribution only):

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#### ATTACHMENT A

Change No.	General Category	Short Description	Affected Section/Table	Change From	Change To
	Reducing Labeling				
1		Relax requirement to label all roads within 1" of SFHA, and only major roads outside of 1"	K.4.1.2 Transportation Features	See Section K.4.1.2 below	See Section K.4.1.2 below
2		Label political areas, but not lines	K.4.1.2 Political and Cultural Entities and Boundaries	See Section K.4.1.2 below	See Section K.4.1.2 below
3	- p	There is no need to label unnamed road, private drive, etc., unless it appears in the profile.	Table K-9	See Section K.4.1.2 below	See Section K.4.1.2 below
4		Reasonably close symbols for highway shields may be used, such as ESRI symbols	Table K-9	K-9 note: "Font specifications that cannot be matched may be approximated"	"Font specifications that cannot be matched (including symbol shape) may be approximated
5		Labeling of shaded and unshaded X Zones is no longer required. Zone X must still appear in Legend. Labeling of Zone X future conditions may still apply.	K.4.2.3 and K.4.2.2	See Section K.4.2.3 below	See Section K.4.2.3 below

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6		Clarification of Limit rules and labeling.	K.4.2.7	See Section K.4.2.7 below	See Section K.4.2.7 below
7		Incorporate FIRM Text Placement Guide (9/2006)	Should be done in future revisions to Appendix K		
	Simplify or eliminate leader line requirements				
8		Leader for X zone (removed since they're no longer labeled)	K.2.4.3	Last Paragraph of K.4.2.3	Remove last paragraph
9		Eliminate dot and arrow (plain line OK)	Table K-16	Row 19-20	Remove Row 19-20
10		Leader only as necessary	K-52; K-59 (0.1" BFE rule)		
11		BFE Leader Line 0.1" rule	K.4.2.4	See Section K.4.2.4 below	See Section K.4.2.4 below
	Font Specification				
12		Allow approximation in font sizes and symbol shapes	Tables K-1 to K-19 and K- 21 to K-22	"Font specifications that cannot be matched may be approximated"	"Font and symbol specifications, including size, may be approximated"

Military lands and Native American lands shall be labeled with the official name at least once. If the area is large, additional labels should be added as needed.

When boundaries of different types are coincident with each other or with base map features, the Mapping Partner shall show only one, with preference given as follows (presented from highest to lowest priority):

- 1. Political boundary
- 2. Coastal Barrier boundary
- 3. Flood insurance risk zone boundary
- 4. Other boundaries
- 5. Base map feature

In general, the heaviest or widest line is most prominent. For example, if a corporate boundary, a road, and a flood hazard zone boundary are coincident, only the corporate boundary is to be shown. Jurisdiction and military boundary specifications are provided in Table K-13.

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#### K.4.2.3 Zone Labels

All zone areas except Zone X (shaded and unshaded) shall be labeled at least once with their appropriate flood zone and static elevation or depth, if appropriate. Zone labels should be repeated as necessary for clarity in large or complicated areas. Zone X shall still be labeled in areas where it represents future conditions (see K.4.2.2).

In the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplains, the floodway fringe areas should not be considered separate areas requiring labels. One zone label should be sufficient for both the regulatory floodway and the floodway fringe.

#### K.4.2.4 Base Flood Elevations

BFEs of increasing elevation values shall be shown in floodplains as wavy lines perpendicular to the flow of the 1-percent-annual-chance flood. All BFEs should be labeled with an elevation value that is located above, below, or at the end of the line (i.e., where it meets the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain boundary). The Mapping Partner should use leader lines as appropriate to reduce clutter. BFEs in floodplains with uniform elevations shall be shown as static (single) values. The value shall be placed below the zone label.

The basic intent of plotting BFEs on a FIRM is to represent the Flood Profile to within 0.5 foot of elevation tolerance. If BFEs are plotted correctly, the FIRM can be used to recreate the flood profile within 0.5 foot. Refer to Appendix C, Subsection C.6.3 for further guidance on BFE plotting.