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The Honorable Duffy Duffield
Mayor, City of Newport Beach
City Hall
100 Civic Center Drive
Newport Beach, California 92660

Dear Mayor Duffield:

I commend you for the efforts that have been put forth in implementing the floodplain management measures for the City of Newport Beach, California, to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As you implement these measures, I want to emphasize the following:

- a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed for your community;
- the FIS and FIRM will become effective on March 21, 2019; and
- by the FIS and FIRM effective date, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office is required to approve the legally enforceable floodplain management measures your community adopts in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Section 60.3(d) and (e).

As noted in FEMA's letter dated September 21, 2018, no significant changes have been made to the flood hazard data on the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM for Orange County. Therefore, the City of Newport Beach should use the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM as the basis for adopting the required floodplain management measures. Final printed copies of the FIRM for the City of Newport Beach will be sent to you within the next few months.

If you encounter difficulties in enacting the measures, I recommend you contact the California Department of Water Resources. You may contact Raul Barba, CFM, the NFIP State Coordinator, by telephone at (916) 574-1441, in writing at 3464 El Camino Avenue, Suite 210, Sacramento, California 95821, or by electronic mail at Raul.Barba@water.ca.gov.

The FEMA Regional staff in Oakland, California, is also available to provide technical assistance and guidance in the development of floodplain management measures. The adoption of compliant floodplain management measures will provide protection for the City of Newport Beach and will ensure its participation in the NFIP. The Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (510) 627-7100 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Mitigation Division, FEMA Region IX, at 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, California 94607.

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The NFIP State Coordinating Office for your State has verified that California communities may include language in their floodplain management measures that automatically adopt the most recently available flood elevation data provided by FEMA. Your community's floodplain management measures may already be sufficient if the measures include suitable automatic adoption language and are otherwise in accordance with the minimum requirements of the NFIP. The NFIP State Coordinator can assist you further in clarifying questions you may have about automatic adoption.

You may have already contacted the NFIP State Coordinator and/or the FEMA Regional Office, and may be in the final adoption process or recently adopted the appropriate measures. However, in the event your community has not adopted the appropriate measures, this letter is FEMA's official notification that you only have until March 21, 2019, to adopt and/or submit a floodplain management ordinance that meets or exceeds the minimum NFIP requirements, and request approval from the FEMA Regional Office by the effective date. Your community's adopted measures will be reviewed upon receipt and the FEMA Regional Office will notify you when the measures are approved.

I appreciate your cooperation to ensure that your community's floodplain management measures are approved by the FEMA Regional Office by March 21, 2019. Your compliance with these mandatory program requirements will enable your community to avoid suspension from the NFIP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Sears", written in a cursive style.

Rachel Sears, Director
Floodplain Management Division
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cc: Robert J. Fenton, Jr., Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IX
Raul Barba, CFM, NFIP State Coordinator, California Department of Water Resources
Seimone Jurjis, Community Development Director, City of Newport Beach