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Mr. Dave Kiff
City Manager, City of Newport Beach
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Newport Beach, CA 92658-8915

Dear Mr. Kiff:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the results of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) field verification findings based on your 5-year cycle application. I am pleased to inform you the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has determined that your community will retain its current rating as a CRS Class 8 community in the NFIP CRS. The floodplain management activities implemented by your community will continue to qualify flood insurance policy holders in your community for a 10 percent discount in the premium costs for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas. I am enclosing the field verification report based on your 5-year cycle application for your records. This savings is a tangible result of the flood mitigation activities your community implements to protect lives and reduce property damage.

Please note that Preferred Risk Policies, applicable in Zones B, C, and X on your community's NFIP Flood Insurance Rate Map, are not eligible for the CRS discount. Standard rated flood insurance policies in Zones B, C, X, D, AR, and A99 are limited to a CRS discount of 10 percent in CRS Class 1-6 communities and 5 percent in CRS Class 7-9 communities. The rates for these zones already reflect significant premium reductions.

If your community remains in compliance with NFIP regulations actions, the CRS rating for your community will automatically be renewed annually and a notification letter will not be sent to your community. This renewal will occur as long as your community continues to implement the CRS activities you certify each May. If no additional modifications or new CRS activities are added, the next verification visit for your community will be in accordance with its established 5-year cycle. In the interim, FEMA will periodically send the *NFIP/CRS Update* newsletter and other notices to your CRS Coordinator to keep your community informed.

I commend you on your community actions and your determination to lead your community to be more disaster resistant. This commitment enhances public safety, protects property, preserves the natural functions of floodplains, and reduces flood insurance premiums.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the FEMA Region IX Office, CRS Coordinator, Patricia Rippe, by telephone at (510) 627-7015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David L. Miller".

David L. Miller
Associate Administrator
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Enclosure

cc: Dan Kennedy, Principal Plan Check Engineer



COMMUNITY
RATING
SYSTEM

VERIFICATION
REPORT

City of Newport Beach, CA

Verified Class 8

NFIP Number: 060227

Cycle

Date of Verification Visit: June 19, 2012

This Verification Report is provided to explain the recommendations of Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) to DHS/FEMA concerning credits under the Community Rating System (CRS) for the above named community.

A total of 1212 credit points are verified which results in a recommendation that the community remain a CRS Class 8. The following is a summary of our findings with the total CRS credit points for each activity listed in parenthesis:

Activity 310 – Elevation Certificates: The Building Department maintains elevation certificates for new and substantially improved buildings. Copies of elevation certificates are made available upon request and are listed on the community's website. Elevation Certificates, plans, regulations and other records are maintained in a secure location away from the permit office. (86 points)

Activity 320 – Map Information Service: Credit is provided for furnishing inquirers with flood zone information from the community's latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), publicizing the service annually and maintaining records. (140 points)

Activity 330 – Outreach Projects: The community provides flood information through displays at public buildings. (5 points)

Activity 340 – Hazard Disclosure: Credit is also provided for state regulations requiring disclosure of flood hazards. (15 points)

Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information: Documents relating to floodplain management are available in the reference section of the Central Public Library. Credit is also provided for floodplain information displayed on the community's website. (25 points)

Activity 420 – Open Space Preservation: Credit is provided for preserving approximately 820 acres in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as open space. Credit is also provided for open space land that is preserved in a natural state. (245 points)

Activity 430 – Higher Regulatory Standards: Credit is provided for enforcing regulations that require state mandated regulatory standards and protection of natural and beneficial. Credit is also provided for a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Classification of 1/1 and the adoption and implementation of the International Series of Building Codes. (224 points)

Activity 440 – Flood Data Maintenance: Credit is provided for maintaining and using digitized maps in the day to day management of the floodplain. (103 points)

Activity 450 – Stormwater Management: The community enforces regulations for freeboard in non-SFHA zones, soil and erosion control and water quality. (80 points)

Section 502 – Repetitive Loss Category: Based on the updates made to the NFIP Report of Repetitive Losses as of August 30, 2011. The City of Newport Beach has 7 repetitive loss properties and is a Category B community for CRS purposes. All requirements for a Category B community have been met. (No credit points are applicable to this section)

Activity 540 – Drainage System Maintenance: A portion of the community's drainage system is inspected regularly throughout the year and maintenance is performed as needed by the Newport Beach Public Works Department. Records are being maintained for both inspections and required maintenance. The community enforces a regulation prohibiting dumping in the drainage system. (225 points)

Activity 630 – Dam Safety: All California communities currently receive CRS credit for the state's dam safety program. (64 points)

Attached is the Community Calculations Worksheet that lists the verified credit points for the Community Rating System.

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720 COMMUNITY CREDIT CALCULATIONS (Cycle):

CALCULATION SECTION :

Verified Activity Calculations:	Credit
c310 86	86
c320 140	140
c330 5	5
c340 15	15
c350 25	25
c360	
c410 x CGA 1.06 =	
c420 231 x CGA 1.06 =	245
c430 211 x CGA 1.06 =	224
c440 97 x CGA 1.06 =	103
c450 75 x CGA 1.06 =	80
c510	
c520	
c530	
c540 225	225
c610	
c620	
c630 64	64

722 Community Classification Calculation:

cT = total of above	cT = 1212
Community Classification (from Appendix C):	Class = 8

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