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September 21, 2018

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

Community: City of Newport Beach,  
Orange County,  
California

Community No.: 060227

Map Panels Affected: See FIRM Index

Dear Mayor Duffield:

On August 15, 2016, you were notified of proposed modified flood elevation determinations affecting the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Orange County and Incorporated Areas. The statutory 90-day appeal period that was initiated on June 9, 2017, when the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a notice of proposed Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) for your community in *The Daily Pilot* and *OC Register*, has elapsed.

FEMA did receive an appeal during that 90-day period. The technical data submitted in support of the appeal have been evaluated, and the appeal has been resolved. Therefore, the determination of the Agency as to the FHDs for your community is considered final. The final FHDs will be published in the *Federal Register* as soon as possible. The modified FHDs and revised map panels, as referenced above, will be effective as of March 21, 2019, and will revise the FIRM and FIS report that were in effect prior to that date. For insurance rating purposes, the community number and new suffix code for the panels being revised are indicated above and on the maps and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

The modifications are 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. Because of the modifications to the FIRM and FIS report for your community made by this map revision, certain additional requirements must be met under Section 1361 of the 1968 Act, as amended, within 6 months from the date of this letter. Prior to March 21, 2019, your community is required, as a condition of continued eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), to adopt or show evidence of adoption of floodplain management regulations that meet the standards of Paragraph 60.3(d and e) of the NFIP regulations. These standards are the minimum requirements and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature.

It must be emphasized that all the standards specified in Paragraph 60.3(d and e) of the NFIP regulations must be enacted in a legally enforceable document. This includes the adoption of the effective FIRM and FIS report to which the regulations apply and the modifications made by this map revision. Some of the

standards should already have been enacted by your community. Any additional requirements can be met by taking one of the following actions:

1. Amending existing regulations to incorporate any additional requirements of Paragraph 60.3(d and e);
2. Adopting all the standards of Paragraph 60.3(d and e) into one new, comprehensive set of regulations; or
3. Showing evidence that regulations have previously been adopted that meet or exceed the minimum requirements of Paragraph 60.3(d and e).

Communities that fail to enact the necessary floodplain management regulations will be suspended from participation in the NFIP and subject to the prohibitions contained in Section 202(a) of the 1973 Act as amended.

A Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) has been designated to assist your community with any difficulties you may be encountering in enacting the floodplain management regulations. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information about your CCO, please contact:

Mr. Ed Curtis, Project Engineer  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX  
1111 Broadway, Suite 1200  
Oakland, California 94607-4052  
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(510) 627-7207

To assist your community in maintaining the FIRM, we have enclosed a Summary of Map Actions to document previous Letter of Map Change (LOMC) actions (i.e., Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs), Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs)) that will be superseded when the revised FIRM panels referenced above become effective. Information on LOMCs is presented in the following four categories: (1) LOMCs for which results have been included on the revised FIRM panels; (2) LOMCs for which results could not be shown on the revised FIRM panels because of scale limitations or because the LOMC issued had determined that the lots or structures involved were outside the Special Flood Hazard Area as shown on the FIRM; (3) LOMCs for which results have not been included on the revised FIRM panels because the flood hazard information on which the original determinations were based is being superseded by new flood hazard information; and (4) LOMCs issued for multiple lots or structures where the determination for one or more of the lots or structures cannot be revalidated through an administrative process like the LOMCs in Category 2 above. LOMCs in Category 2 will be revalidated through a single letter that reaffirms the validity of a previously issued LOMC; the letter will be sent to your community shortly before the effective date of the revised FIRM and will become effective 1 day after the revised FIRM becomes effective. For the LOMCs listed in Category 4, we will review the data previously submitted for the LOMA or LOMR request and issue a new determination for the affected properties after the revised FIRM becomes effective.

The FIRM panels have been computer-generated. Once the FIRM and FIS report are printed and distributed, the digital files containing the flood hazard data for the entire county can be provided to your community for use in a computer mapping system. These files can be used in conjunction with other thematic data for floodplain management purposes, insurance purchase and rating requirements, and many other planning applications. Copies of the digital files or paper copies of the FIRM panels may be

obtained by calling our FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). In addition, your community may be eligible for additional credits under our Community Rating System if you implement your activities using digital mapping files.

If you have any questions regarding the necessary floodplain management measures for your community or the NFIP in general, we urge you to call the Director, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division of FEMA in Oakland, California at (510) 627-7103 for assistance. If you have any questions concerning mapping issues in general or the enclosed Summary of Map Actions, please call our FMIX at the toll free number shown above. Additional information and resources your community may find helpful regarding the NFIP and floodplain management, such as *The National Flood Insurance Program Code of Federal Regulations*, *Answers to Questions About the National Flood Insurance Program*, *Use of Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Data as Available Data*, *Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Effect that Revised Flood Hazards have on Existing Structures*, and *National Flood Insurance Program Elevation Certificate and Instructions*, can be found on our website at <http://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/lfid>. Paper copies of these documents may also be obtained by calling our FMIX.

Sincerely,



Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Chief  
Engineering and Modeling Division  
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Enclosure:  
Final Summary of Map Actions

cc: Community Map Repository  
Seimone Jurjis, Community Development Director, Floodplain Administrator