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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 01-09-266P

The Honorable Laurann Cook
Mayor, City of Fountain Valley
P.O. Box 8030
Fountain Valley, CA 92728

Community: City of Fountain Valley, CA
Community No.: 060218
Panels Affected: 06059C0036 F and 0037 F
Effective Date of
This Revision:

102-D

Dear Mayor Cook:

This responds to a request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revise the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Orange County, California and Incorporated Areas (the effective FIRM for your community), in accordance with Part 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. In a letter dated November 21, 2000, Mr. Remesh J. Chintala, West Consultants, Inc., requested that FEMA revise the FIRM to show the effects of more detailed hydraulic analyses and topographic data and certification from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that several reaches of levee along the Talbert and Fountain Valley Channels will provide protection from the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood).

All data required to complete our review of this request were submitted with letters from Mr. Chintala. Because this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) shows the effects of a federally sponsored flood-control project where 50 percent or more of the project's costs are federally funded, fees were not assessed for the review.

We have completed our review of the submitted data and the flood data shown on the effective FIRM. We have revised the FIRM to modify the floodplain boundary delineations and zone designations of the base flood along Talbert Channel from just upstream of Garfield Avenue to Slater Avenue and along Fountain Valley Channel from just upstream of Garfield Avenue to Euclid Street. As a result of the modifications, the widths of the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), the areas that would be inundated by the base flood, for both channels decreased. The base flood is contained in the channels along the revised reaches. The modifications are shown on the enclosed annotated copies of FIRM Panels 06059C0036 F and 06059C0037 F. This LOMR hereby revises the above-referenced panels of the effective FIRM dated January 3, 1997.

Because this revision request also affects the City of Huntington Beach, a separate LOMR for that community was issued on the same date as this LOMR.

The modifications are effective as of the date shown above. The map panels as listed above and as modified by this letter will be used for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.

A review of the determination made by this LOMR and any requests to alter this determination should be made within 30 days. Any request to alter the determination must be based on scientific or technical data.

We will physically revise and republish the previously cited FIRM panels and the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR, and issue Preliminary copies for community review. So that we may provide your community with the most up-to-date information possible, we request that your community review the effective FIRM panels referenced above and the effective FIS report to determine if any additional changes are warranted. Examples of possible changes include updates to corporate limits, new streets within or adjacent to designated SFHAs, and revised floodway boundary delineations.

To assist us in processing the revised FIRM and FIS report in a timely manner, we request that your community submit changes within 30 days of the date of this letter. We will review all information received during this 30-day period and incorporate it as appropriate into the Preliminary copies of the revised FIRM and FIS report. The Preliminary copies are scheduled to be delivered for review in approximately 6 months.

This LOMR is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development and for ensuring all necessary permits required by Federal or State law have been received. State, county, and community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction in the SFHA. If the State, county, or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP criteria.

Because this LOMR will not be printed and distributed to primary users, such as local insurance agents and mortgage lenders, your community will serve as a repository for these new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information reflected by this LOMR throughout the community, so that interested persons, such as property owners, local insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, may benefit from the information. We also encourage you to prepare an article for publication in your community's local newspaper. This article should describe the changes that have been made and the assistance that officials of your community will give to interested persons by providing these data and interpreting the NFIP maps.

Interested persons and lenders who wish to obtain a copy of this LOMR may contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) or may visit our website at www.fema.gov/mit/tsd/ST_order.htm. Persons who wish to obtain copies of all Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) as they are issued may subscribe to the LOMC Distribution Service. Information regarding this subscription service is available through the FEMA Map Service Center by calling, toll free, 1-800-358-9616.

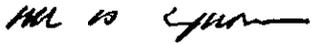
This determination has been made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and is in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. 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 are the minimum requirements and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature. This includes adoption of the effective FIRM to which the regulations apply and the modifications described in this LOMR.

FEMA makes flood insurance available in participating communities; in addition, we encourage communities to develop their own loss reduction and prevention programs. Through the *Project Impact: Building Disaster Resistant Communities* initiative, launched by FEMA Director James Lee Witt in 1997, we seek to focus the energy of businesses, citizens, and communities in the United States on the importance of reducing their susceptibility to the impact of all natural disasters, including floods, hurricanes, severe storms, earthquakes, and wildfires. Natural hazard mitigation is most effective when it is planned for and implemented at the local level, by the entities who are most knowledgeable of local conditions and whose economic stability and safety are at stake. For your information, we are enclosing a copy of a pamphlet describing this nationwide initiative. For additional information on *Project Impact*, please visit our website at www.fema.gov/impact.

If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the NFIP in general, please contact the Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) for your community. Information on the CCO for your community may be obtained by calling the Chief, Community Mitigation Programs Branch, Mitigation Division of FEMA in San Francisco, California, at (415) 923-7184. If you have any questions regarding this LOMR, please call our Map Assistance Center, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Sincerely,



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Mitigation Directorate

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Enclosures

cc: (See attached list.)