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NEW FLOOD MAP REFLECTS CHANGES TO LOCAL FLOOD RISK

Residents and Businesses Encouraged to Attend Open House

Santa Barbara, CA — Santa Barbara County and City of Santa Barbara residents can view new proposed flood maps and talk to officials during any one of the scheduled events below.

The maps, also known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps, depict flood risk across the community. They are the result of a multi-year study of the flooding in the City of Santa Barbara and the creeks tributary to the city using advanced mapping and risk-modeling techniques.

“We have worked closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to make sure that we have an accurate picture of our flood risk,” said Andrew Stuffer, Chief Building Official for the City of Santa Barbara. “This information will help the community make more informed decisions about how to protect Santa Barbara County and the City of Santa Barbara from what might otherwise be devastating flood events.”

Patricia Rippe, Senior Compliance Officer, FEMA Region IX, said, “Communities that understand the flood risks they face are in a much better position to take the steps needed to become more resilient. We hope that the residents and business owners in Santa Barbara County and the City of Santa Barbara use this information to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their properties from floods.”

The new maps will become effective November 4, 2015. Santa Barbara County and City of Santa Barbara officials encourage residents and business owners to review the proposed flood maps to learn about local flood risk and flood insurance requirements.

Call 1-800-427-2419 or visit FloodSmart.gov to learn more about flood insurance, and use the Cost of Flooding tool to see the potential cost of flood damage inch by inch.

Flood Map Update Events

Realtors/Insurance Professionals

When: 2:00 – 3:00 PM, September 2, 2015

Where: City Hall, City Council Chambers
735 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Who: Representatives from FEMA, City of Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara County Flood Control District

General Public/Parcel Owners

When: 6:00 – 8:00 PM, September 2, 2015

Where: Community Development Building
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Who: Representatives from FEMA, City of Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara County Flood Control District