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The Honorable Sharon Cody  
Mayor, City of Mission Viejo  
26522 La Alameda, Suite 190  
Mission Viejo, California 92691

Community: Orange County, California  
and Incorporated Areas

FIRM Panel Number: 06059C0058 E  
Effective Date

of This Revision:

MAR 26 1992

Dear Mayor Cody:

This is in response to a letter dated February 20, 1992, from Mr. Loren E. Anderson, Assistant City Engineer, City of Mission Viejo, California, regarding the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Orange County, California and Incorporated Areas. In his letter, Mr. Anderson requested that we revise the effective FIRM to show the correct location of the O'Neil Retarding Basin and its 100-year floodplain, located within the City of Mission Viejo, California. In support of his request, Mr. Anderson submitted a topographic map entitled "Hydrology Map, L03-0S0 Creek Storm Drain, Mission Viejo - P.A. 24," revised October 1984, prepared by Jack G. Raub Company (now Nolte and Associates), and a topographic map entitled "O'Neil Retention Basin Flood Limits," dated October 24, 1984, with no engineer of works.

In addition, in his letter dated February 27, 1992, Mr. Anderson stated that the Mission Viejo Company, the owner of the land that will now be located within the 100-year floodplain of the O'Neil Retarding Basin, has no objection to the revised floodplain boundaries. Mr. Anderson further stated that the area within the revised floodplain is used and will continue to be used as baseball fields, and that there are no insurable structures within the area.

We have completed our review of the submitted data and have revised the FIRM to modify the floodplain boundary delineations of a flood having a 1-percent probability of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) for the O'Neil Retarding Basin.

The modifications are shown on the enclosed annotated copy of FIRM Panel 06059C0058 E. This Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) hereby revises this panel of the effective FIRM dated September 15, 1989.

Because of current funding constraints, we must limit the number of physical map revisions. Consequently, we will not publish a revised FIRM for Orange County and Incorporated Areas to reflect modifications at this time. However, if in the future we revise and republish the FIRM panel affected by this LOMR, we will incorporate the previously described modifications at that time.

These modifications have been made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 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, P.L. 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR, Part 65. As required by the legislation, a community must adopt and enforce floodplain management measures to ensure continued eligibility to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Therefore, your community must enforce these regulations using, at a minimum, the base (100-year) flood elevations, zone designations, and floodways in the Special Flood Hazard Areas shown on the FIRM and Flood Boundary and Floodway Map for your community, including the previously described modifications.

This response to your request is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all proposed floodplain developments, including this request, and for ensuring that necessary permits required by Federal or State law have been received. With knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, State and community officials may set higher standards for construction, or may limit development in floodplain areas. If the State of California or the City of Mission Viejo has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP requirements.

The basis of this LOMR is a channel-modification project. NFIP regulations, as cited in Section 60.3(b)(7), require that communities assure that the flood-carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained. This provision is incorporated into your community's existing floodplain management regulations. Consequently, the ultimate responsibility for maintenance of the channel modification rests with your community.

The community number and suffix code listed above will be used for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community on and after the effective date listed above.

The modifications described herein are effective as of the date of this letter. However, a review of the modifications and any requests for changes should be made within 30 days. Any request for reconsideration must be based on scientific or technical data.

This LOMR will not be printed and distributed to primary map users such as local insurance agents and mortgage lenders; therefore, the community will serve as a repository for these new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information reflected by this LOMR widely throughout the community in order that interested persons such as property owners, insurance agents, and mortgage lenders may benefit from this information. We also encourage you to consider preparing an article for publication in the community's local newspaper that would describe the changes that have been made and the assistance the community will provide in serving as a clearinghouse for these data and interpreting NFIP maps.

If you have any questions regarding the modifications described herein, please call the Chief, Natural and Technological Hazards Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, in San Francisco, California, at (415) 923-7177, or Mr. Karl Mohr of my staff in Washington, D.C., at (202) 646-2770.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Risk Studies Division  
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Enclosures