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Supervisor Carpenter  
Board of Supervisors  
575 Administration Drive, Room 100A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Dear Ernie:

In response to your request at the meeting last Thursday, we asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for an estimate of when the new Federal Flood Insurance Maps would become effective. FEMA stated that they have contracted with a consulting engineering firm to review the preliminary maps and that they could be ready for County review in about six months. FEMA will schedule a meeting with the County at that time. A public hearing by the County is not required by FEMA but may be desired by the County. Upon completion of the County review, FEMA will give notice of a 90-day appeal period. Upon resolution of appeals, if any, FEMA will issue an appeal determination within one to three months. The new maps will then become effective in about four months. The total process will require about 1-1/2 years according to FEMA.

With respect to the evaluation of the impact of excluding certain areas from the Laguna de Santa Rosa floodway, the San Francisco District of the Corps of Engineers expects to complete their analysis in about a week. The Agency will evaluate the results and forward them to FEMA. This is not expected to affect the above schedule.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert F. Beach".

ROBERT F. BEACH  
General Manager

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cc: Ted Morrison, Chief Building Official  
Ken Miles, County Planner  
Steve Butler, Assistant County Counsel

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