



Santa Barbara County Public Works Department
Flood Control Water Agency Project Clean Water

NOTICE TO: Lending Institutions and Real Estate and Insurance Agents

SUBJECT: Flood Insurance Rate Map Zone Information

As a public service, the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District will provide you with the following information upon request:

- Whether a property is in or out of the -Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) of the City.
- Additional flood insurance data for a site, such as the FIRM zone and the base flood elevation or depth, if shown on the FIRM or determined from the Flood Insurance Study (FIS).
- We have a handout on the flood insurance purchase requirement that can help people who need a mortgage or loan for a property in the SFHA.
- The Santa Barbara County Flood Control District maintains elevation certificates for new and substantially improved structures in the SFHA since March 15, 1979.
- The FIRMs in Santa Barbara County also delineate the floodway and Flood Control can provide information as to development requirements.
- FEMA updates the Flood Insurance Rate Maps as needed when revisions are made to the maps.
- The County also has additional FIRM information, problems not shown on the FIRM, flood depth data, special flood related hazards and historical flood information.

If you would like to make an inquiry, please tell us the street address and, if available, the Assessor's Parcel Number and request a Flood Hazard Determination. We are open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Call Flood Control at (805) 568-3440, drop by the office at 130 E., Victoria St., Suite 200, Santa Barbara, or email your request to ythierumaran@co.santa-barbara.ca.us. There is a \$40 fee for this service and the turnaround time is typically within 24 hours.