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Sacramento County Receives Upgraded FEMA Flood Designation

FEMA To Honor County At May 23 Board Of Supervisors Meeting

(Sacramento County, CA) - Three months after heavy rains and flooding pummeled parts of Sacramento County, the County is being recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for its efforts to mitigate regional flood risks. In May 2017, FEMA upgraded Sacramento County's Community Rating System (CRS) rating from a Class 3 to a Class 2 resulting in up to a 40 percent discount in the cost of flood insurance for flood prone areas.

The CRS is a voluntary program within FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Through the CRS, communities proactively undertake floodplain management activities, and those that exceed the minimum floodplain management requirements of the NFIP earn points that go towards reducing the cost of flood insurance.

Sacramento County has steadily improved its rating since entering the CRS program in 1992 at an initial Class 9 rating. In 2013, the County achieved a Class 3 rating which resulted in residents receiving flood insurance premium reductions of up to 35 percent. With the new Class 2 rating, property owners will be saving, on average, \$446.00 per year on the full cost of a standard flood insurance policy.

"The Sacramento County Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducts annual outreach to educate the public about the need for insurance, and we implement various flood hazard risk mitigation activities required by FEMA to achieve the flood insurance discounts for county residents," said Michael Peterson, DWR Director.

Nationally, there are 1,444 communities participating in CRS. There are only six Class 2 communities in the entire nation and Sacramento County is the only Class 2 community in California. FEMA's Acting Regional Administrator, Dr. Ahsha Tribble will present its CRS Class 2 plaque to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors at its Board meeting on Tuesday, May 23, at 9:45 a.m.

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