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Mr. William Vance
 Town Manager
 Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea
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 Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida 33308

Subject: Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) Meeting and Public Open Houses for Broward County, FL

Dear Mr. Vance:

A Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) meeting to discuss the preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Broward County, Florida has been scheduled. Representatives from FEMA Region IV, the State of Florida, and the Engineering Study Contractor will be present and conduct the meeting. Copies of the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and associated FIS report were sent to the communities on December 31, 2019.

The CCO meeting is for local officials. In addition, three Public Open House Meetings for the citizens of Broward County have been scheduled. Details of the four meetings are listed below.

Broward County CCO & Public Open House Meetings	
Monday, February 3, 2020	
Public Open House #1 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Location: Charles F. Dodge City Center-Mezzanine 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33025	
Wednesday, February 5, 2020	
CCO Meeting 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Location: Broward County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 201 N.W. 84 th Avenue, Plantation, Florida 33324	
Thursday, February 6, 2020	
Public Open House #2 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Emma Lou Olsen Center- Auditorium 1801 N.E. 6 th Street, Pompano, Florida 33060	Public Open House #3 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Anne Kolb Nature Center- Mangrove Hall 751 Sheridan Street, Hollywood, Florida 33019

The preliminary FIS will be subject to a 90-day review and appeal/protest period, which will begin approximately three months after the CCO meeting. If any appeals/protests are received during that time, FEMA will review and resolve them prior to initiating the subsequent 180-day Community compliance

period. Therefore, it will take at least nine months, from the beginning of the 90-day review period to the end of the compliance period, before the preliminary FIS/FIRMs become effective for lending and insurance purposes. The appeal/protest processes will be discussed at the CCO meeting.

The revised FIS is considered an update to the currently effective FIS. This revised study, when it becomes effective, may result in increases and/or decreases to the regulatory flood elevations and/or width of the floodplain boundaries. It will be the basis for your Community's continued application and enforcement of all local floodplain management regulations required in conjunction with the participating criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Revisions to your existing floodplain management ordinance may be necessary to incorporate changes. In addition, when the new flood study and maps become effective, the Community's flood ordinances must reference the effective date of the new FIS and associated FIRMs.

It is important that your floodplain administrator and representatives of the building/permitting, planning, and engineering offices be in attendance at the CCO meeting. You may also wish to consider inviting elected officials to the Open House meetings so that they may be apprised of the forthcoming changes to the FIS/FIRMs.

The requirement of your local ordinance requires that any study data be used as "best available data". The study should be considered "best available data" in the following instance(s):

1. Where development is proposed within any newly identified Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) on the preliminary maps but is shown outside of a currently effective SFHA on the currently effective FIRM.
2. Where a base flood elevation (BFE) is shown on the preliminary maps, in areas presently shown as unnumbered A Zones with no elevations on the currently effective FIRM.
3. Where a BFE on the preliminary maps exceeds those identified on the currently effective FIRM, the preliminary elevation should be used for regulatory purposes.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and look forward to meeting with you. If you have questions or need additional information please contact Michael Taylor, Project Manager, at 404-946-9488 or by e-mail at Michael.Taylor@aecom.com, or you can call Mark Vieira, Senior Engineer, FEMA Region IV, at 770-220-5450 or by email at mark.vieira@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Chris Vincent, Mayor, Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea
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