



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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**SUBJECT: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FLOOD  
INSURANCE RATE MAPS AND ELEVATION CERTIFICATES**

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San Joaquin County (County) is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), with a current Community Rating System (CRS) score of six. This rating provides County residents residing in Special Flood Hazard Areas a 20 percent discount on their annual flood insurance premiums. In order to maintain or improve our current classification, the County must continually ensure that residents, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents in our area are aware of the services we provide.

### **MAP SERVICES**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is used to determine if structures are located within flood zones. The County, as a participant in the NFIP, provides map determination services upon request from residents, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents. If flood insurance is required for a property located within a special flood hazard area, the property owner/insurer needs the FIRM, which also provides information regarding the base flood elevation, in order to take appropriate measures to prevent flood damage and to comply with local codes and FEMA requirements. Copies of the County FIRMs and other flood awareness publications are available for review and reference at the City of Stockton's Central Library, 605 North El Dorado Street, (209) 937-8221. They are also available at the Cities and County Public Works Departments, or online at <http://www.fema.gov> and at <http://www.sjgov.org/pubworks>. FEMA Maps may be purchased for \$4.00 per copy from the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works (Department).

### **ELEVATION CERTIFICATES**

The Department also provides, at no charge, copies of FEMA Elevation Certificates that have been previously approved for all new structures and the substantial improvement of existing structures constructed in special flood hazard areas since 1992. Elevation Certificates dated prior to 1992 are available on microfiche at the San Joaquin Community Development Department located in the same building.

### **INSPECTIONS**

County staff are available to undertake site visits, if requested, to review flood, drainage, sewer, or retrofitting issues. Please contact the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works Flood Management Division (Division) at (209) 468-3060, to schedule an appointment.

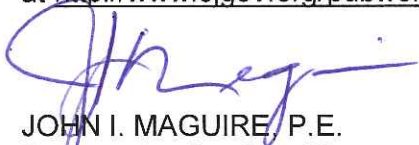
### **INTERNET ACCESS**

Last year, the Division started offering a new service, known as the "Flood Zone Viewer." It may be accessed via the County's Home Page, and at: [http://www.co.san-joaquin.ca.us/pubworks/flood\\_info.htm](http://www.co.san-joaquin.ca.us/pubworks/flood_info.htm). By entering either an address, or an Assessor's Parcel No., a map appears delineating the parcel, which has its flood zone labeled. Alternatively, the website user may also click and zoom in on an area of the County map to identify the flood zone of a particular parcel. The Flood Zone Viewer uses flood zone G.I.S. data obtained from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, overlaid on the County's own G.I.S. mapping data for streets, parcels, waterways, channels, etc.

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All services are available at the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works and the San Joaquin Community Development Department, both located at 1810 East Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, or by calling (209) 468-3060. Should you have any questions or comments, or need additional information regarding San Joaquin County's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, please contact the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works Flood Management Division at (209) 468-3060 or online at <http://www.sjgov.org/pubworks>.



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