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Community Requests for FEMA Support to Update a Flood Hazard Study

The approximately 100,000 flood map panels produced by FEMA are one of our nation's most valuable tools for flood loss reduction and floodplain management. However, many of the studies reflected on these flood maps are outdated and no longer accurate. While the Map Modernization initiative has reduced reliance on paper maps, accurate hazard information is critical for reducing the loss of property as well as insurance and disaster costs.

We are aware that your community may have already provided information to FEMA or your NFIP State Coordinating Agency on study needs and changes in flood hazards. However, mapping needs information is being evaluated and study requests in California, Arizona, Hawaii, and Nevada should be mailed to:

FEMA Region IX
Attn: Risk Analysis Branch Chief
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Oakland, California 94607
(510) 627-7184

For each written request, please provide the following:

- 1) The specific river or shoreline reach(es) needing new study, for example, Maple River from Highway 102 to the confluence of Grassy Creek;
- 2) Information on why a new study is needed, for example, current (approximate) level of study is inadequate due to new development planned along the shoreline and/or mapped flood boundaries have been changed due to hydrologic modifications, etc.;
- 3) What data and/or funding you can provide to support a new study, for example, 2' contour topographic data, up-to-date hydrologic/hydraulic analyses, etc.;
- 4) A description of the expected map changes if a new study is developed, for example, the current boundary will narrow by 50 feet and the 1% annual chance (100-year) flood elevation is expected to rise by 1-3 feet; and
- 5) Information on when and how this study need was previously communicated.

Study requests will be prioritized based on the expected benefits versus cost. Partners that can provide data and/or funding to allow for the sharing of limited resources will have higher priority studies. To support these partnerships, FEMA has developed the Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) Program. For more information about the CTP Program, including a tool for determining whether the CTP Program is right for your community or agency, as well as information on who to contact to discuss participation, please visit http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/ctp_main.shtm.