

# URGENT NOTICE!

## Important Flood Map Revision Notice!



### **January 21, 2010 Oxnard Overflow Area Flood Map Recision Notification Letters from FEMA**

[City of Oxnard Letter of Map Revision](#)

If you are one of the approximately 1800 Oxnard residents originally shown as included in a Special Flood Hazard Area (Zone A) on FEMA's Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map that took effect on January 20, 2010, you should be aware that FEMA **RESCINDED** those maps on the next day, January 21, 2010, via a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR).

Generally speaking, the Oxnard Overflow Areas generally include the areas of the City south of the Santa Clara River and west of HWY 101, including the Sierra Linda, South Bank, Windsor North-River Ridge, and Victoria Estates neighborhoods.

Recently, the Ventura County Star reported that some Oxnard area homeowners with federally-backed mortgages located in the above areas have been **MISTAKENLY** informed by their Lenders that they are required to purchase flood insurance based on the January 20, 2010 version of the map.

If you are one of those affected homeowners in Oxnard, Janna Critchfield, Regional Flood Insurance Specialist for FEMA, Region IX, in Oakland, advises that you download the appropriate FEMA Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for your respective community, and provide a copy to your Lender. Ms. Critchfield advises that copies of the appropriate LOMR for your community should be sufficient documentation for the Lender to correct this mistake.

Should you have more specific flood insurance questions regarding your property, or wish to communicate specific flood insurance problems you've experienced with FEMA Region IX directly, you are advised to contact Janna Critchfield directly at (510) 627-7266.

During the next two years, numerous public outreach meetings are being planned by the District and the City of Oxnard as FEMA concludes its Re-Study of the Santa Clara River Flood Insurance Study (FIS), which will serve as the technical basis of new Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

The Ventura County Watershed Protection District, is working closely with the City of Oxnard, as well as the United States Army Corps of Engineers, to identify deficiencies with river levees and marshal Federal-State and Local funding resources necessary to complete necessary levee retrofit and/or enhancement work required to certify its levees, including those directly impacting the Oxnard Overflow areas. *At best, this process involves a minimum of five years and could take up to ten years, or more, depending on final design plans, environmental considerations and project funding availability.*

If you have specific questions, please feel free to contact:

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Robert Hearne, Civil Engineer, at (805) 385-7925.