



FEMA

February 12, 2010

The Honorable Patti Walker, Mayor
City of Fillmore
Central Park Plaza
250 Central Avenue
Fillmore, California 93015

Dear Mayor Walker:

Thank you for your letter dated December 31, 2009, to the Department of Homeland Security's, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), on behalf of the City of Fillmore citizens that chose to purchase flood insurance subsequent to the October 22, 2009, town hall meeting regarding the pending Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) revisions. You stated that some residents do not desire to maintain the flood insurance policies they purchased in anticipation of the map change. Please note that the FIRM for Ventura County, California and Incorporated areas became effective as scheduled on January 20, 2010.

If the homeowner voluntarily chose to purchase flood insurance, our rules do not allow for a refund if they request termination of the policy. The levees that protect the City of Fillmore have been provisionally accredited. This designation is used to inform the public that a professional engineer has not certified that the levees meet the minimum safety criteria. This provisional accreditation designation should be interpreted by you and the community to mean there are serious concerns regarding how well these levees will perform in a major flood event.

We will continue to work with you and the Ventura County Water Protection District as the Santa Clara River flood study progresses, and the future FIRM revisions are produced to reflect the flood risk for the City of Fillmore. If you have questions or need additional information regarding the flood mapping for your community, please contact me at 510-627-7129, or by e-mail at kathleen.schaefer@dhs.gov, or Edward Curtis at 510-627-7207, or by e-mail at edward.curtis@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen K. Schaefer".

Kathleen Schaefer, Engineer
Risk Analysis Branch

cc: Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor, City of Oxnard
Mr. Bert Rapp, Engineer, Public Works Department, City of Fillmore
Mr. Larry Pennell, City Manager, City of Fillmore