

FEMA Updates Flood Maps in Sacramento County and Select Cities

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OAKLAND, Calif. — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has delivered preliminary flood maps for Sacramento County and the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom and Sacramento. The maps identify revised flood hazards along Arcade Creek, Cripple Creek, Hinkle Creek, Humbug Valley Basin and Alder Creek tributaries. These new maps will help building officials, contractors and homeowners make effective mitigation decisions, thereby contributing to safer and more disaster resilient communities.

Before the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) become effective, there is a 90-day appeal period from Oct. 6, 2022 to Jan. 4, 2023. During that time, residents or businesses with supporting technical and scientific information, such as detailed hydraulic or hydrologic data, can appeal the flood risk information on the preliminary maps, which can be viewed at fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata.

Flood hazards are dynamic and change frequently for many reasons, including weather patterns, erosion and community development. Officials from FEMA, Sacramento County and the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Sacramento worked together to provide updated information that accurately reflects the flood risk. These changes may also affect future building standards or insurance requirements.

The local mapping project is part of a national effort led by FEMA to increase local knowledge of flood risks and support actions to address and reduce the effects of flooding on new and improved structures. FEMA encourages residents to review the preliminary flood maps to learn about local flood risks, potential future flood insurance requirements and identify any concerns or questions about the information provided.

Risk of flooding affects almost every corner of the nation. In total, 98% of counties have experienced a flood event, which makes floods the most common and



widespread of all weather-related natural disasters.

For more information, contact Sacramento County at (916) 874-8646 or johnsonm@sacounty.gov. Other community information is available for the cities of Citrus Heights at (916) 727-4770 or GeneralServices@citrusheights.net, Folsom at (916) 461-6212 or dwolfe@folsom.ca.us, and Sacramento at (916) 808-5061 or floodinfo@cityofsacramento.org.

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