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To Whom It May Concern:

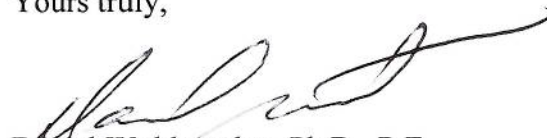
Subject: FEMA's Preferred Risk Policy Eligibility Extension Program for Property Owners

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has revised its Preferred Risk Policy under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to extend eligibility an additional year. Properties newly mapped into a high-risk flood zone on, or after October 1, 2008, may be eligible for the lower-cost Preferred Risk Flood Insurance Policy. This extension is available for up to a 2-year period beginning January 1, 2011.

To assist eligible property owners in the San Lorenzo and Castro Valley areas of unincorporated Alameda County, the Public Works Agency has developed a list of properties (see attachment) that were newly designated to be within a Special Flood Hazard Area as delineated on the August 2009 Flood Insurance Rate Map for Alameda County. This list has been developed to document the previous and current flood zone designations and is intended to help validate Preferred Risk Policy extension eligibility.

Historic maps and current effective maps are available through FEMA's Map Service website: www.msc.fema.gov. If you have questions or would like more information regarding this extension program, please contact the NFIP Help Center at 1-800-427-4661 for assistance.

Yours truly,



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