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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Michael D. Tubbs
Mayor, City of Stockton
City Hall
425 North El Dorado Street
Stockton, CA 95202

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Case No.: 17-09-2623R
Community Name: City of Stockton, CA
Community No.: 060302

Dear Mayor Tubbs:

We are providing our comments with the enclosed Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) on a proposed project within your community that, if constructed as proposed, could revise the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map for your community.

If you have any questions regarding the floodplain management regulations for your community, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in general, or technical questions regarding this CLOMR, please contact the Director, Mitigation Division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office in Oakland, California, at (510) 627-7175, or the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP). Additional information about the NFIP is available on our website at <http://www.fema.gov/nfip>.

Sincerely,

Patrick "Rick" F. Sacbibit, P.E., Branch Chief
Engineering Services Branch
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration



List of Enclosures:

Conditional Letter of Map Revision Comment Document

cc: The Honorable Chuck Winn
Chair, Board of Supervisors
San Joaquin County

Mr. David W. Kwong
Community Floodplain Official
City of Stockton

Mr. Kris Balaji, P.E., PMP
Director of Public Works
San Joaquin County

Mr. Roger Churchwell, P.E., CFM
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San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency

Mr. Scott Shapiro
Interim Executive Director
San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency

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CONDITIONAL LETTER OF MAP REVISION COMMENT DOCUMENT

COMMUNITY INFORMATION		PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF CONDITIONAL REQUEST
COMMUNITY	City of Stockton San Joaquin County California	LEVEE SYSTEM OTHER	HYDROLOGIC ANALYSIS HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS UPDATED TOPOGRAPHIC DATA LEVEE CERTIFICATION
	COMMUNITY NO.: 060302		
IDENTIFIER	Smith Canal Closure Structure	APPROXIMATE LATITUDE & LONGITUDE: 37.958, -121.348 SOURCE: USGS QUADRANGLE DATUM: NAD 83	
AFFECTED MAP PANELS			
TYPE: FIRM*	NO.: 06077C 0455F DATE: October 16, 2009	* FIRM - Flood Insurance Rate Map	
TYPE: FIRM*	NO.: 06077C 0460F DATE: October 16, 2009		

FLOODING SOURCE(S) AND REACH DESCRIPTION

Smith Canal – At the confluence with the San Joaquin River Delta to approximately 13,000 feet upstream of the confluence.

Smith Canal (Interior Drainage Area) - Area located north of Smith Canal, east of the San Joaquin River Delta, and south of the Calaveras River.

PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Flooding Source	Proposed Project	Location of Proposed Project
Smith Canal	New Levee	A proposed gate structure across the mouth of the Smith Canal (running along Dad's Point).
Smith Canal (Interior Drainage Area)	Other	Wisconsin Avenue pump station upgrade.

SUMMARY OF IMPACTS TO FLOOD HAZARD DATA

Flooding Source	Effective Flooding	Proposed Flooding	Increases	Decreases
Smith Canal	Zone AE	Zone AE	None	Yes
Smith Canal	BFEs	BFEs	None	Yes
Smith Canal (Interior Drainage Area)	Zone A	Zone X (shaded)	None	Yes

* BFEs - Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations

COMMENT

This document provides the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) comment regarding a request for a CLOMR for the project described above. This document is not a final determination; it only provides our comment on the proposed project in relation to the flood hazard information shown on the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map. We reviewed the submitted data and the data used to prepare the effective flood hazard information for your community and determined that the proposed project meets the minimum floodplain management criteria of the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development and for ensuring that all permits required by Federal or State/Commonwealth law have been received. State/Commonwealth, county, and community officials, based on their knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area subject to inundation by the base flood. If the State/Commonwealth, county, or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP criteria.

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OTHER COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THIS CONDITIONAL REQUEST

CID Number: 060299

Name: Unincorporated Areas of San Joaquin County, California

AFFECTED MAP PANELS

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To determine the changes in flood hazards that will be caused by the proposed project, we compared the hydraulic modeling reflecting the proposed project (referred to as the proposed conditions model) to the hydraulic modeling used to prepare the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) (referred to as the effective model). If the effective model does not provide enough detail to evaluate the effects of the proposed project, an existing conditions model must be developed to provide this detail. This existing conditions model is then compared to the effective model and the proposed conditions model to differentiate the increases or decreases in flood hazards caused by more detailed modeling from the increases or decreases in flood hazards that will be caused by the proposed project.

The table below shows the changes in the BFEs:

BFE Comparison Table

Flooding Source: Smith Canal		BFE Change (feet)	Location of maximum change
Existing vs. Effective	Maximum increase	N/A	
	Maximum decrease	0.3	At the confluence with the San Joaquin River Delta to approximately 13,000 feet upstream of the confluence.
Proposed vs. Existing	Maximum increase	N/A	
	Maximum decrease	1.4	At the confluence with the San Joaquin River Delta to approximately 13,000 feet upstream of the confluence.
Proposed vs. Effective	Maximum increase	N/A	
	Maximum decrease	1.7	At the confluence with the San Joaquin River Delta to approximately 13,000 feet upstream of the confluence.

NFIP regulations Subparagraph 60.3(b)(7) requires communities to ensure that the flood-carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained. This provision is incorporated into your community's existing floodplain management ordinances; therefore, responsibility for maintenance of the altered or relocated watercourse, including any related appurtenances such as bridges, culverts, and other drainage structures, rests with your community. We may request that your community submit a description and schedule of maintenance activities necessary to ensure this requirement.

Please note the leveed areas for the Calaveras River and the Stockton Diverting Canal levee systems include the area impacted by this proposed project. Those levee systems are shown as accredited on the effective FIRM, used as the basis for our BFE comparisons and comments.

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DATA REQUIRED FOR FOLLOW-UP LOMR

Upon completion of the project, your community must submit the data listed below and request that we make a final determination on revising the effective FIRM and FIS report. If the project is built as proposed and the data below are received, a revision to the FIRM and FIS report would be warranted.

- Form 1, entitled "Overview & Concurrence Form". Detailed application and certification forms must be used for requesting final revisions to the maps. Therefore, when the map revision request for the area covered by this letter is submitted, Form 1 must be included. If as-built conditions differ from the proposed plans, please submit new forms, which may be accessed at http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/dl_mt-2.shtm, or annotated copies of the previously submitted forms showing the revised information.
- Form 2, entitled "Riverine Hydrology & Hydraulics Form"
- Form 3, entitled "Riverine Structures Form"
- Hydraulic analyses, for as-built conditions, of the base flood; the 10-percent, 2-percent, and 0.2 percent annual chance floods; together with a topographic work map showing the revised floodplain boundaries. Please ensure that the revised information ties in with the current effective information at the downstream and upstream ends of the revised reach.
- An annotated copy of the FIRM, at the scale of the effective FIRM, that shows the revised floodplain boundary delineations shown on the submitted work map and how they tie into the floodplain boundary delineations shown on the current effective FIRM at the downstream and upstream ends of the revised reach.
- As-built plans, certified by a registered professional engineer, of all proposed project elements.
- Please provide a statement, certified by a registered professional engineer that verifies that the Smith Canal Closure Structure has been certified as providing protection from the base flood and are in compliance with all aspects of 44 CFR Section 65.10.

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- An officially adopted operations and maintenance plan for the Smith Canal levee embankments. This plan, which may be in the form of a written statement from the community Chief Executive Officer, an ordinance, or other legislation, must describe the nature of the maintenance activities, the frequency with which they will be performed, and the title of the local community official who will be responsible for ensuring that the maintenance activities are accomplished.
- An officially adopted operations and maintenance plan for the Smith Canal Closure Structure. This plan, which may be in the form of a written statement from the community Chief Executive Officer, an ordinance, or other legislation, must describe the nature of the maintenance activities, the frequency with which they will be performed, and the title of the local community official who will be responsible for ensuring that the maintenance activities are accomplished.
- An officially adopted operations and maintenance plan for the improved Wisconsin Avenue Pump Station. This plan, which may be in the form of a written statement from the community Chief Executive Officer, an ordinance, or other legislation, must describe the nature of the maintenance activities, the frequency with which they will be performed, and the title of the local community official who will be responsible for ensuring that the maintenance activities are accomplished.
- FEMA's fee schedule for reviewing and processing requests for conditional and final modifications to published flood information and maps may be accessed at http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/firm_fees.shtm. The fee at the time of the map revision submittal must be received before we can begin processing the request. Payment of this fee can be made through a check or money order, made payable in U.S. funds to the National Flood Insurance Program, or by credit card (Visa or MasterCard only). Please forward the payment, along with the revision application, to the following address:

LOMC Clearinghouse
3601 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500
Alexandria, VA 22304-6426

After receiving appropriate documentation to show that the project has been completed, FEMA will initiate a revision to the FIRM and FIS report. Because the flood hazard information (i.e., base flood elevations, base flood depths, SFHAs, zone designations, and/or regulatory floodways) will change as a result of the project, a 90-day appeal period will be initiated for the revision, during which community officials and interested persons may appeal the revised flood hazard information based on scientific or technical data.

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COMMUNITY REMINDERS

We have designated a Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

Mr. Jeffrey D. Lusk
Director, Mitigation Division
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX
1111 Broadway, Suite 1200
Oakland, CA 94607-4052
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