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DETERMINATION OF BASE FLOOD ELEVATION – SUTTER BASIN (SOUTH YUBA CITY)

The detailed study prepared by Peterson-Brustad Inc. and entitled "<u>Sutter County and Yuba City Base Flood Elevation Maps</u>" (dated January 17, 2008) has been reviewed and accepted as best available information for Base Flood Elevations in the Yuba City Basin within Sutter County. The Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) determined by this study are hereby accepted as Locally Determined BFEs.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently processed a Physical Map Revision based on the Lower Feather River – Floodplain Mapping Study. This Physical Map Revision includes the Sutter County/Yuba City Basin (between the Sutter Bypass and the Feather River, south of Stewart Road). The updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) based upon this Physical Map revision show a majority of the Yuba City Basin to be an Approximate "A" Zone for which no Base Flood Elevations are established. However, in order for the County's Floodplain Administrator to administer building restrictions under the Sutter County – Floodplain Management Ordinance, Base Flood Elevations are needed.

FEMA regulations require the Floodplain Administrator to use the best available information to estimate Base Flood Elevations for the purpose of administering building restrictions. The Sutter County – Floodplain Management Ordinance [Chapter 1780-420(C)] states that the Floodplain Administrator shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available from a federal or state agency, or other source, in order to administer provisions relating to Flood Hazard Reduction.

Staff is directed to utilize the Base Flood Elevations established by these studies for Approximate "A" Zones in the Sutter County/Yuba City Basin for floodplain management purposes.

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Attachments

Sutter Basin Base Flood Elevation Map

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