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## STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION

The detailed study prepared by Peterson-Brustad Inc. and entitled "*Nicolaus Basin Base Flood Elevation Map*" (revision date July 18, 2012) has been reviewed and accepted as best available information for Base Flood Elevations in the Nicolaus Basin watersheds within Sutter County. This work revises the Nicolaus Basin Base Flood Elevation mapping which was last updated on April 27, 2011. The Base Flood Elevations determined by this study are hereby accepted as Locally Determined BFEs, and supersede the previously adopted Base Flood Elevations determined by the Nicolaus Area study dated April 27, 2011.

The latest Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) show these areas (east of the Feather River and upstream of the Natomas Cross Canal) as falling within 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 this study for Approximate "A" Zones in the Sutter County - Butte Sink for floodplain management purposes.

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Sutter County Floodplain Administrator

7/26/2012 Date

## Attachments

Nicolaus Basin Base Flood Elevation Map (Revised July 18, 2012)

## Nicolaus Basin Base Flood Elevation Map

(REVISED JULY 18, 2012)

