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**Via FedEx and email ([Edward.Curtis@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Edward.Curtis@fema.dhs.gov))**

Mr. Ed Curtis, Engineer  
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**Re: Response to FEMA's Revised FIRM dated June 20, 2018, for the City of Newport Beach**

**Case No.: 12-09-1324S  
Docket No.: FEMA-B-1673**

**Community: City of Newport Beach, CA  
Community No.: 060227**

Dear Mr. Curtis,

The City of Newport Beach ("City") would like to thank the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") for the revised Flood Insurance Rate Map ("FIRM") dated June 20, 2018, and FEMA's initial review of the City's appeal submittals dated August 30, 2017, and September 6, 2017, regarding requested revision of the Preliminary FIRM, Flood Insurance Study ("FIS") report, and Base Flood Elevations ("BFE") issued on August 15, 2016.

Our consultant, Everest International, brought the following comment to our attention after reviewing the FEMA maps and the FIS report:

"The BFEs shown in Table 26 (page 151) of the FIS report do not match with those shown in the revised flood maps. The BFEs for each zone shown in the flood maps match with our proposed BFEs calculated based on average beach slope instead of using a single transect per zone. The BFEs shown in Table 26 (page 151) are still the initial FEMA values based on a single transect per beach zone."

The City requests that FEMA revise Table 26 (page 151) to match the revised FIRM dated June 20, 2018.

The City informed the community of the revised FIRM dated June 20, 2018. No further comments were received.

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Additionally, City Council met on July 10, 2018, to discuss the latest revised flood maps and they have decided not to pursue the Scientific Resolution Panel.

I'd like to thank you and your team for your hard work and cooperation in working with the City during this appeal process to resolve the mapping issues.

Sincerely,



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SG:ds

- c: Rick Sacbibit, Engineering Services Branch Chief, FEMA Federal Insurance & Mitigation Administration
- Juliette Hayes, Risk Analysis Branch Chief, FEMA Region IX
- Karin Ohman, CFM Coastal Engineer, Michael Baker International
- Seimone Jurjis, Community Development Director, City of Newport Beach
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