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Sacramento County Floodplain Managers Receive National Recognition

Floodplain Management Program Ranked Seventh in the Nation, Second in the State

Sacramento County, CA: The FEMA National Flood Insurance Program upgraded Sacramento County's ranking to a "4" for its outstanding achievements in reducing regional flood risks. Effective immediately, Sacramento County residents in flood prone areas will receive up to a 30 percent discount on their flood insurance premiums.

A ranking of "4" makes Sacramento County California's second best ranked community and the nation's seventh. "This accomplishment bears even more significance because Sacramento is considered one of the nation's most at-risk major metropolitan areas for hazardous flooding," says Sacramento County Supervisor Roger Dickinson.

Under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System, flood insurance premiums are adjusted downward to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from programs that focus on public information, flood hazard mapping, enforcement of regulations, flood preparedness and flood damage reduction. Credited floodplain management activities have been shown to reduce flood losses and, therefore, flood insurance claims, disaster assistance payments, and the disruption of people's lives. "The inclusive and forward looking strategy employed by Sacramento County floodplain managers strongly supports the hazard mitigation that we at FEMA are trying to foster," said FEMA Region IX Administrator Nancy Ward. "The system as deployed in Sacramento County can serve as a recognized example for other communities on how to protect their citizens from becoming disaster victims."

The CRS score is based on how well unincorporated Sacramento County:

- regulates development in and near flood hazard areas
- maps flood hazards not known by FEMA
- considers other natural disasters in land use decisions
- maintains drainage systems
- assures no adverse impact due to development
- manages flood hazards at jurisdictional boundaries
- makes the public aware of flood hazards and mitigation measures

Information about the National Flood Insurance Program and CRS is available at www.fema.gov/nfip/.

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