



DAVE PINE

SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT
SAN MATEO COUNTY

August 23, 2016

W. Craig Fugate
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
500 C Street, SW, Room 214
Washington, DC 20472

Re: Support for the City of San Bruno's Appeal of its Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps

Dear Mr. Fugate:

I write in support of the City of San Bruno's (City) appeal of its preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) first released on August 13, 2015. The preliminary FIRMs show new areas within the City's jurisdiction mapped as Special Flood Hazard Areas. I believe these FIRMs will unnecessarily require many home owners to purchase flood insurance when there is no risk of flooding in a 1% (100 year) storm event.

Although I recognize the need for FEMA to identify areas prone to the risk of flooding, I support the basis of the appeal as outlined in the City's appeal document. The City is appealing its preliminary FIRMs based on limited duration flood modeling, not a "static state", which recognizes that high tide flows from the San Francisco Bay will not remain steady. Given that the City is significantly inland and does not directly abut the San Francisco Bay, the alternative modeling appears logical and consistent with how actual high tide waters would flow in a 1% (100 year) storm.

I respectfully request FEMA's expert scientific staff to review and reconsider the City's FIRMs based on this updated modeling.

Sincerely,

Dave Pine
San Mateo County Supervisor, District 1

cc: Mayor Jim Ruane and San Bruno City Councilmembers
Connie Jackson, San Bruno City Manager
Jimmy Tan, San Bruno Deputy Public Services Director/City Engineer
Juliette Hayes, FEMA Region IX
Shilpa Mulik, FEMA Region IX