DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency


Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the proposed flood hazard determinations for each community listed below in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and also are used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the FIRMs and FIS report become effective.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found online at http://floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_fact_sheet.pdf.

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables.

Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at www.floodmaps.fema.gov for comparison.
Hazardous Fire Risk Reduction, East Bay Hills, CA

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft environmental impact statement and notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared an environmental impact statement (EIS) evaluating the environmental impacts of funding a combination of hazardous fuels reduction projects within the East Bay Hills area in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, California. The projects may be funded through Federal assistance grants under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM). The National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, Fisheries Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Emergency Management Agency, the University of California, Berkeley (UCB), the City of Oakland (Oakland), and the East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD) have participated in the preparation of the EIS as cooperating agencies. Public meetings will be held during the public comment period on the draft EIS. The draft EIS is available on the project Web site at http://ebheis.cdmims.com.

DATES: Public meetings will be held May 14 and May 18, 2013. The public comment period on the Draft EIS starts with a concurrent publication through EPA of a notice in the Federal Register and will continue until June 17, 2013. FEMA will consider all oral comments recorded at the public meetings and all electronic and written comments on the draft EIS received or postmarked by that date. Agencies, interested parties, and the public are invited to submit comments on this draft EIS at any time during the public comment period.

ADDRESSES: FEMA will hold public meetings to allow the public an opportunity to learn more about the project and to submit comments on the draft EIS at the following locations:

1. May 14, 2013, at 2 p.m., Richard C. Trudeau Training Center, Main Room, 11500 Skyline Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94619.


3. May 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., Claremont Middle School, Gymnasium, 5750 College Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket ID FEMA–2010–0037, by one of the following methods:
