

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

[Docket ID FEMA-2017-0002]

**Final Flood Hazard Determinations**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Final notice.

**SUMMARY:** Flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of Base Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or zone designations, or regulatory floodways on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports have been made final for the communities listed in the table below.

The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that a community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM and FIS report are used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium

rates for buildings and the contents of those buildings.

**DATES:** The effective date of May 16, 2017 which has been established for the FIRM and, where applicable, the supporting FIS report showing the new or modified flood hazard information for each community.

**ADDRESSES:** The FIRM, and if applicable, the FIS report containing the final flood hazard information for each community is available for inspection at the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below and will be available online through the FEMA Map Service Center at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov) by the effective date indicated above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) [patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov); or visit the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) online at [www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx\\_main.html](http://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) makes the final determinations listed below for the new or modified flood hazard information for each community listed. Notification of these

changes has been published in newspapers of local circulation and 90 days have elapsed since that publication. The Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation has resolved any appeals resulting from this notification.

This final notice is issued in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR part 67. FEMA has developed criteria for floodplain management in floodprone areas in accordance with 44 CFR part 60.

Interested lessees and owners of real property are encouraged to review the new or revised FIRM and FIS report available at the address cited below for each community or online through the FEMA Map Service Center at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov).

The flood hazard determinations are made final in the watersheds and/or communities listed in the table below. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Dated: February 16, 2017.

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I. Watershed-based studies:

Community	Community map repository address
<b>Quinnipiac Watershed</b>	
<b>Hartford County, Connecticut (All Jurisdictions)</b> <b>Docket No.: FEMA-B-1550</b>	
City of Bristol .....	Engineering Division, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010.
City of New Britain .....	Public Works Department, 27 West Main Street, Room 501, New Britain, CT 06051.
Town of Plainville .....	Office of Technical Services, 1 Central Square, Plainville, CT 06062.
Town of Southington .....	Planning Department, 196 North Main Street, Southington, CT 06489.
<b>New Haven County, Connecticut (All Jurisdictions)</b> <b>Docket No.: FEMA-B-1550</b>	
City of Ansonia .....	Town and City Clerk's Office, 253 Main Street, Ansonia, CT 06401.
City of Derby .....	Building Department, 1 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT 06418.
City of Meriden .....	City Clerk's Office, 142 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450.
City of Milford .....	Parsons Government Center, 70 West River Street, Milford, CT 06460.
Town of Branford .....	Engineering Department, 1019 Main Street, Branford, CT 06405.
Town of Cheshire .....	Town Clerk's Office, 84 South Main Street, Cheshire, CT 06410.
Town of East Haven .....	Engineering Department, 461 North High Street, East Haven, CT 06512.
Town of Hamden .....	Planning and Zoning Department, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518.
Town of North Branford .....	Engineering Department, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471.
Town of North Haven .....	Town Clerk's Office, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT 06473.
Town of Orange .....	Public Works Department, 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477.
Town of Wallingford .....	Planning Department, 45 South Main Street, Wallingford, CT 06492.
Town of Woodbridge .....	Town Clerk's Office, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525.

Community	Community map repository address
<b>Lower Big Blue Watershed</b>	
<b>Marshall County, Kansas and Incorporated Areas</b> <b>Docket No.: FEMA-B-1532</b>	
City of Axtell .....	City Hall, 306 Maple Street, Axtell, KS 66403.
City of Beattie .....	City Hall, 302 Center Street, Beattie, KS 66406.
City of Blue Rapids .....	City Hall, 04 Public Square, Blue Rapids, KS 66411.
City of Frankfort .....	City Hall, 109 North Kansas Avenue, Frankfort, KS 66427.
City of Marysville .....	City Hall, 209 North 8th Street, Marysville, KS 66508.
City of Oketo .....	City Hall, 106 Center Street, Oketo, KS 66518.
City of Vermillion .....	City Hall, 102 Main Street, Vermillion, KS 66544.
City of Waterville .....	City Hall, 136 East Commercial Street, Waterville, KS 66548.
Unincorporated Areas of Marshall County .....	Marshall County Courthouse, 1201 Broadway Street, Marysville, KS 66508.

<b>Lower Catawba Watershed</b>	
<b>Chester County, South Carolina and Incorporated Areas</b> <b>Docket No.: FEMA-B-1550</b>	
Unincorporated Areas of Chester County .....	Chester County Government Complex, 1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass, Suite 63, Chester, SC 29706.

<b>Lancaster County, South Carolina and Incorporated Areas</b> <b>Docket No.: FEMA-B-1550</b>	
City of Lancaster .....	City Hall, 216 South Catawba Street, Lancaster, SC 29720.
Unincorporated Areas of Lancaster County .....	Lancaster County Zoning Department, 101 North Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29720.

<b>York County, South Carolina and Incorporated Areas</b> <b>Docket No.: FEMA-B-1550</b>	
City of Rock Hill .....	City Hall, 155 Johnston Street, Rock Hill, SC 29730.
Town of Fort Mill .....	Engineering Department, 131 East Elliott Street, Fort Mill, SC 29715.
Unincorporated Areas of York County .....	York County Planning and Development Services Department, 1070 Heckle Boulevard, Building 107, Rock Hill, SC 29732.

II. Non-watershed-based studies:

Community	Community map repository address
<b>Calaveras County, California and Incorporated Areas</b> <b>Docket No.: FEMA-B-1553</b>	
Unincorporated Areas of Calaveras County .....	Calaveras County Planning Department, 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249.

<b>San Luis Obispo County, California and Incorporated Areas</b> <b>Docket No.: FEMA-B-1602</b>	
City of Grover Beach .....	City Hall, 154 South 8th Street, Grover Beach, CA 93433.
City of Morro Bay .....	Public Works & Community Development Department, 955 Shasta Avenue, Morro Bay, CA 93442.
City of Pismo Beach .....	City Hall, 760 Mattie Road, Pismo Beach, CA 93449.
Unincorporated Areas of San Luis Obispo County .....	San Luis Obispo County Government Center, Public Works Department, 976 Osos Street, Room 207, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.

<b>Cass County, Iowa and Incorporated Areas</b> <b>Docket No.: FEMA-B-1602</b>	
City of Anita .....	City Hall, 744 Main Street, Anita, IA 50020.
City of Atlantic .....	City Hall, 23 East 4th Street, Atlantic, IA 50022.
City of Cumberland .....	City Hall, 207 Main Street, Cumberland, IA 50843.
City of Griswold .....	City Building, 601 2nd Street, Griswold, IA 51535.
City of Lewis .....	City Hall, 416 West Main Street, Lewis, IA 51544.
City of Marne .....	City Council Chambers, 403 Washington Street, Marne, IA 51552.
City of Massena .....	City Hall, 100 Main Street, Massena, IA 50853.
City of Wiota .....	City Hall, 311 Center Street, Wiota, IA 50274.

Community	Community map repository address
Unincorporated Areas of Cass County .....	Cass County Courthouse, Engineer's Office, 5 West 7th Street, Atlantic, IA 50022.

**Pocahontas County, Iowa and Incorporated Areas  
Docket No.: FEMA-B-1602**

City of Fonda .....	City Hall, 104 West 2nd Street, Fonda, IA 50540.
City of Havelock .....	City Hall, 858 Wood Street, Havelock, IA 50546.
City of Laurens .....	City Hall, 272 North 3rd Street, Laurens, IA 50554.
City of Pocahontas .....	City Hall, 23 West Elm Avenue, Pocahontas, IA 50574.
City of Rolfe .....	City Hall, 319 Garfield Street, Rolfe, IA 50581.
Unincorporated Areas of Pocahontas County .....	Pocahontas County Courthouse, 99 Court Square, Pocahontas, IA 50574.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Receipt of Application for Incidental Take Permit; Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for California Flats Solar Project Operations and Maintenance Activities, Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties, California**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit application; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received a request from California Flats Solar, LLC, for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The permit would authorize take of the federally endangered San Joaquin kit fox and the threatened California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, and vernal pool fairy shrimp, incidental to otherwise lawful activities associated with the California Flats Solar Project Operations and Maintenance Activities Habitat Conservation Plan. We invite public comment.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 19, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may download a copy of the draft habitat conservation plan and draft low-effect screening form and environmental action statement on the internet at <http://www.fws.gov/ventura/>, or you may request copies of the documents by U.S. mail to our Ventura office, or by phone (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Please address written comments to Stephen P. Henry, Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003. You may alternatively send comments by facsimile to (805) 644-3958.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Diel, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address or by calling (805) 644-1766.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received a request from California Flats Solar, LLC (applicant), for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The applicant has agreed to follow all of the conditions in the habitat conservation plan for the project. The permit would authorize take of the federally endangered San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*) and the threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*), California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*), and vernal pool fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta lynchi*), incidental to otherwise lawful activities associated with the California Flats Solar Project Operations and Maintenance Activities Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). We invite public comment on the application and related documents.

**Background**

The San Joaquin kit fox was listed by the Service as endangered on January 24, 1997. The California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, and vernal pool fairy shrimp were listed by the Service as threatened on May 23, 1996, August 4, 2004, and September 19, 1994, respectively. Section 9 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations prohibit the “take” of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. “Take” is defined under the Act to include the following activities: “[T]o harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct” (16 U.S.C. 1532); however, under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act, we may issue

permits to authorize incidental take of listed species. “Incidental Take” is defined by the Act as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are, respectively, in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22. Under the Act, protections for federally listed plants differ from the protections afforded to federally listed animals. Issuance of an incidental take permit also must not jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plant species. All species included in the incidental take permit would receive assurances under our “No Surprises” regulations (50 CFR 17.22(b)(5) and 17.32(b)(5)).

The applicants have applied for a permit for incidental take of the San Joaquin kit fox, California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, and vernal pool fairy shrimp. The potential taking would occur by activities associated with the operations and maintenance of the California Flats Solar Project in suitable habitat for the covered species. Incidental take coverage for construction of the California Flats Solar Project was exempted under previous consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under section 7 of the Act.

**Our Preliminary Determination**

The Service has made a preliminary determination that issuance of the permit is neither a major Federal action that will significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; NEPA), nor will it individually or cumulatively have more than a negligible effect on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, the permit qualifies for a categorical exclusion under NEPA as provided by the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 8.5).