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November 1, 2019

Chairperson Debbie Arnold  
Board of Supervisors  
1055 Monterey Street, Suite D430  
San Luis Obispo, California 93408

Dear Chairperson Arnold:

On May 30, 2019, staff from the Department of Water Resources' (DWR's) South Central Region office conducted a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) on behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to evaluate how the County of San Luis Obispo (County) is administering its floodplain management program. On July 8, 2019, DWR staff provided the County with a CAV Report that summarized the initial findings of the CAV and requested additional documentation from County staff. The additional documentation requested by DWR staff included permitting records and site plans necessary for determining if structures were designed and constructed in compliance with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. The County was also asked to provide a draft of its floodplain management ordinance that incorporated necessary revisions identified during the CAV and in the CAV Report.

On August 15, 2019, DWR staff received the requested documents from County staff. We appreciate the follow-up effort by County staff in providing the needed support documentation as requested. DWR staff has reviewed the supplied documentation and made the following findings:

The revised draft of the County's floodplain management ordinance incorporates revisions recommended by DWR staff and complies with the minimum NFIP regulations as specified in Title 44, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 60.3. The revised ordinance is scheduled to be adopted by the end of the calendar year. Once the final ordinance has been adopted, County staff will need to provide a certified copy of the final ordinance to DWR staff at the following address:

Daniel Burgett  
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3374 East Shields Avenue, Room 5  
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Elevation certificates, building permits, substantial improvement determinations, or other comparable documentation were provided for eight sites identified during DWR's inspection of the County's Special Flood Hazard Areas. The documentation provided by County staff confirmed that the County is properly implementing and enforcing its

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floodplain management ordinance. On Behalf of FEMA, we commend your staff for their excellent work administering the County's floodplain management program. This letter concludes DWR's participation in this CAV. For additional information regarding NFIP, please have your staff contact Daniel Burgett at (559) 230-3352 or Daniel.Burgett@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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