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TO: Boulder County, Colorado

FROM: Colorado Water Conservation Board

DATE: February 10, 2016

RE: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Boulder County, CO and the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)

Background

The Colorado Hazard Mapping Program (Program) provides more accurate representations of natural hazard risks around the State. Phase I of this Program is focused on updated flood hazard information for the streams most affected by the September 2013 flood event. Updated flood risk information can enhance State and local hazard mitigation plans, and improve local stakeholder's (referred to as the community) ability to raise awareness about flood risk, while making informed decisions to improve its resilience to flooding.

Program Goals

CWCB has contracted with AECOM, a nationally recognized engineering firm, to conduct the technical work for those efforts in the Big Thompson and St. Vrain watersheds. In the long-term, CWCB intends to eventually submit the updated flood hazard information to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be used to update the regulatory Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), which are used to identify flood risk zones and determine flood insurance requirements.

Draft Data

Data is being provided to the community for their local use and information. It may be used to plan, prepare and educate local citizens of updated flood risk. The following draft materials have been provided:

- Structure and cross section survey data for detailed studies
- Photos and sketches of structures
- Jamestown LOMR Area Figures 1-3 (two versions of the same floodplain work map, one with topographic contours and the other without)
- Jamestown LOMR Area Changes from Effective Figures 1-3
- Jamestown Parcels Affected by Floodplain and Floodway Changes from Effective (Table)
- Jamestown LOMR Floodplain Work Map (Exhibits 1A-1D)
- James Creek Flood Profiles (Sheets 193P-197P)



- Little James Creek Flood Profiles (Sheets 221P-225P)

The data will undergo further review by FEMA and is considered draft until FEMA issues a formal determination and it becomes effective. Thus, the data are subject to change, are for information only, and the community must be aware of the element of uncertainty associated with the data until FEMA approves it.

Disclaimer: Any use of the draft information for decision making related to development is at the sole discretion of the user. If this information is used to advise community members for development or other purposes, it will be recognized as the recommendation of the user.

This project MOU represents a good-faith effort by all parties to share data and communicate necessary information and requests. Data sharing should effectively assist the community with planning activities to protect them from flood risk, while considering the unique concerns of the area. It is not legally binding, nor does it preclude the community from participating in the FEMA mapping appeal process.

Request for Signature

Please indicate your concurrence with this MOU between Boulder County, CO and the CWCB by returning a scanned signed copy of this MOU to Ms. Thuy Patton at thuy.patton@state.co.us or Ms. Stephanie DiBetitto at stephanie.dibetitto@state.co.us. We request that you contact us or provide concurrence within 5 business days. We appreciate your timely response and look forward to continuing to working with you on this project.

Boulder County

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Varda Blum 2/19/16
 Signature Date

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S. DiBetitto 2/11/2016
 Signature Date

