
FLOODPLAIN REQUIREMENTS

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The regulation of flood plains is necessary to preserve public safety and general health and welfare and to promote the economic well being of the region. The general intent of current floodplain regulations is summarized below:

- To reduce the hazard of floods to life and property;
- To preserve the hydraulic characteristics of water courses used for conveyance of flood waters; and
- To protect the public from excessive financial expenditures for the development of flood control facilities.

A copy of the City of Hemet's floodplain ordinance is provided for information in the appendix of this manual. It is the Engineer's responsibility to utilize the most current adopted floodplain ordinances and regulations.

4.1 NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP)

The City is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program which is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This program's basic function is to designate flood-prone areas throughout the City of Hemet, and the County of Riverside, and subsequently make available to the general public varying degrees of flood insurance. FEMA develops certain floodplain designations by first completing a Flood Insurance Study and later identifies these designations on related Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

A Flood Insurance Study for the City of Hemet was originally completed in September, 1977, and later revised in August, 1988 and most recently in September, 1990. In addition, the associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps were also revised in September, 1990. Each of the revised documents are available for review at the public counter in the Public Works Department.

Issues involving FEMA should be identified and addressed during the conceptual development and in the Preliminary Drainage Report. It is considered the responsibility of the developer, or the developer's representative, to fulfill all of FEMA's rules and regulations and to prepare any appeals or revisions that may be required as a result of a proposed development. If a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) or a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) is required by FEMA prior to the removal of a special flood hazard

zone (100-year floodplain), it will be the responsibility of the developer to obtain any and all such documents prior to final acceptance of the development application.