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South Sacramento Residents Remapped, Eligible for Lower Cost Preferred Risk Flood Insurance.

Recent remapping of the Special Flood Hazard Area in South Sacramento removes Over 1100 residents west of Morrison Creek.

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities announces that recent levee improvements along the west side of Morrison Creek have allowed the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FMEA) to remap the Special Flood Hazard Area in South Sacramento; removing just over 1100 properties from the 100-year flood plain. This allows impacted property owners to be eligible for lower cost Preferred Risk Flood Insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program and releases them from the mandated flood insurance requirement.

“As a community surrounded by levees, the City of Sacramento always encourages property owners to carry flood insurance,” said Bill Busath, Interim Engineering Services Director, City of Sacramento Department of Utilities. “Property owners who convert from a Standard Flood Insurance Policy to a Preferred Risk Policy can save up to \$1100 per year.”

Property owners impacted by this floodplain mapping change will be notified via mail with a copy of the Letter of Map Revision from FEMA and information about how to convert to a Preferred Risk Policy.

Property owners can take the Letter of Map Revision to their insurance agents to convert their policy to a Preferred Risk Policy. Current flood insurance policy holders who convert to the lower cost Preferred Risk Policies may be eligible for a refund of premiums.

Sacramento property owners with questions regarding the remapping of the South Sacramento Floodplain can click www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities or call the City’s Floodplain Hotline at 916-808-5061. Please be prepared to leave your name, tax assessor’s parcel number, question and contact information. A Floodplain Specialist will return your call within 2 business days.

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