



# COUNTY OF YOLO

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## **Community Workshops re: FEMA Flood Map Changes**

**(Woodland, CA)** – On December 19, 2008, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued new preliminary flood zone maps. The revised maps, which are expected to take effect in early 2010, have significantly expanded the area of high-risk flood zones within Yolo County. Homeowners who have an existing mortgage are required to carry flood insurance if their home is located within a high-risk flood zone. Community meetings have been scheduled to provide information and answer questions concerning the proposed flood map changes and what it means to homeowners and business owners.

The new maps are part of FEMA's Flood Map Modernization Program, which includes revised nationwide standards for determining the level of flood protection provided by levees. These changes have led to major revisions in FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Map for Yolo County. As a result, some areas once designated as low-risk are now identified as high-risk flood zones.

“Property owners are not required to carry flood coverage until FEMA's new maps take effect,” said Yolo County Planning & Public Works Director John Bencomo. “Once the maps are adopted, however, the cost of obtaining a new flood insurance policy may substantially increase. Homeowners who purchase flood insurance prior to the map changes will be entitled to a grandfathering moderate rate.”

A number of community workshops with Yolo County and FEMA staff have been scheduled to provide information and answer questions concerning the proposed flood map changes. At these public meetings residents can view the new maps, understand how the new designations may affect future construction plans and learn about the new flood insurance requirements.

“I encourage all Yolo County residents residing in flood zones to attend one of these community workshops to become familiar with the proposed FEMA flood zone map changes and how they might be affected,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mike McGowan.

For more information regarding the preliminary FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map for Yolo County, visit [www.yolocounty.org](http://www.yolocounty.org) (go to: Government > Planning & Public Works > News & Events).

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Attachment: Community Workshops re: Proposed Flood Map Changes

## **Community Workshops re: Proposed Flood Map Changes**

Mar. 11, 7:30 a.m.  
Elkhorn Fire Protection District  
Elkhorn Fire Station  
19759 Old River Road, West Sacramento

Mar. 11, 7:00 p.m.  
Knights Landing Citizens Advisory Committee  
Knights Landing Community Center  
42114 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Knights Landing

Mar. 12, 7:00 p.m.  
Clarksburg Citizens Advisory Committee  
Clarksburg Library Activity Room  
52915 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg

Mar. 23, 7:00 p.m.  
Yolo-Zamora Citizens Advisory Committee  
Zamora Town Hall  
38870 County Road 13, Zamora

Apr. 1, 7:00 p.m. – El Macero County Service Area Advisory Committee  
Fire Station #33  
425 Mace Boulevard, Davis