



**FEMA**

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David Ready  
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Dear Mr. Ready:

Congratulations! The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has determined that your community will increase to a Class 6 in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). The floodplain management activities implemented by your community qualifies it for a 20 percent discount in the premium cost of flood insurance for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas on or after May 1, 2011. This increase is based on a field verification of your five-year cycle CRS application. I am enclosing the field verification report showing the results of your application review for your records.

Please note Preferred Risk Policies, applicable in Zones B, C, and X, on your community's NFIP Flood Insurance Rate Map are not eligible for the CRS discount. Standard rated flood insurance policies in Zones B, C, X, D, AR, and A99 are limited to a CRS discount of ten percent in Class 1-6 communities and five percent in Class 7-9 communities. The rates for these zones already reflect significant premium reductions.

If there are no NFIP noncompliance actions, the CRS rating for your community will automatically be renewed annually and a notification letter will not be sent to your community. This renewal will occur as long as your community continues to implement the CRS activities you certify each October. If no additional modifications or new CRS activities are added, the next verification visit for your community will be in accordance with its established five-year cycle or three-year cycle for CRS Class 5 or better communities. In the interim, FEMA will periodically send the *NFIP/CRS Update* Newsletter and other notices to your CRS Coordinator to keep your community informed.

I commend you on your community actions and your determination to lead your community to be more disaster resistant. This commitment enhances public safety, property protection, and protects the natural functions of floodplains, and reduces flood insurance premiums.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the FEMA Region IX Office, CRS Coordinator, Cynthia McKenzie, by telephone at (510) 627-7190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra K. Knight".

Sandra K. Knight, PhD, PE  
Deputy Federal Insurance and  
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Enclosure

cc: David Barakian, CRS Coordinator

ITEM NO. 26



COMMUNITY  
RATING  
SYSTEM

VERIFICATION  
REPORT

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City of Palm Springs, CA

Verified Class 6

NFIP Number. 060257

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Date of Verification Visit April 15, 2010

This Verification Report is provided to explain the recommendations of Insurance Services Office Inc. (ISO) to DHS/FEMA concerning credits under the Community Rating System (CRS) for the above named community

A total of 2134 credit points are verified which results in a recommendation that the community improve from a CRS Class 8 to a CRS Class 6. The community has met the Class 6 prerequisite with a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Classification of 3/3. The following is a summary of our findings with the total CRS credit points for each activity listed in parenthesis

**Activity 310 – Elevation Certificates:** The Public Works Department maintains elevation certificates for new and substantially improved buildings. Copies of elevation certificates are made available upon request. Elevation Certificates are also listed on the community's website. (60 points)

**Activity 320 – Map Information Service:** Credit is provided for furnishing inquirers with flood zone information from the community's latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), publicizing the service annually and maintaining records. (140 points)

**Activity 330 – Outreach Projects:** A community brochure is mailed to all properties in the community on an annual basis. An outreach brochure is mailed annually to all properties in the community's Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The community also provides flood information through displays at public buildings. (131 points)

**Activity 340 – Hazard Disclosure:** Credit is provided for state regulations requiring disclosure of flood hazards. (15 points)

**Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information:** Credit is provided for floodplain information displayed on the community's website. (13 points)

**Activity 360 – Flood Protection Assistance:** The community provides technical advice and assistance to interested property owners and annually publicizes the service. (35 points)

**Activity 410 – Additional Flood Data:** Credit is provided for conducting and adopting flood studies for areas not included on the flood insurance rate maps and that exceed minimum mapping standards. (52 points)

**Activity 420 – Open Space Preservation:** Credit is provided for preserving approximately 4077 acres in the SFHA as open space (483 points)

**Activity 430 – Higher Regulatory Standards:** Credit is provided for enforcing regulations that require freeboard for new and substantial improvement construction, state mandated regulatory standards and land development criteria. Credit is also provided for a BCEGS Classification of 3/3 and for adoption of the International Building Codes. (664 points)

**Activity 440 – Flood Data Maintenance:** Credit is provided for maintaining and using digitized maps in the day to day management of the floodplain. Credit is also provided for maintaining copies of all previous FIRMs. (97 points)

**Activity 450 – Stormwater Management:** The community enforces regulations for stormwater management, freeboard in non-SFHA zones, soil and erosion control, and water quality (103 points)

**Activity 540 – Drainage System Maintenance:** A portion of the community's drainage system is inspected regularly throughout the year and maintenance is performed as needed by the Riverside County Flood Control District. Records are being maintained for both inspections and required maintenance. Credit is also provided for an ongoing Capital Improvements Program. The community also enforces a regulation prohibiting dumping in the drainage system. (268 points)

**Activity 610 – Flood Warning Program:** Credit is provided for a program that provides timely identification of impending flood threats (9 points)

**Activity 630 – Dam Safety:** All California communities currently receive CRS credit for the state's dam safety program (64 points)

Attached is the Community Calculations Worksheet that lists the verified credit points for the Community Rating System

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