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May 18, 2010

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The Honorable Richard M. Milanovich Tribal Chairman Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation 5401 Dinah Shore Drive Palm Springs, CA 92264 IN REPLY REFER TO:

Case No.: 09-09-2890P

Community Name: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla

Indians Reservation, CA

Community No.: 060763

Effective Date of

This Revision:

June 17, 2010

Dear Mr. Milanovich:

The Flood Insurance Study report and Flood Insurance Rate Map for your community have been revised by this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). Please use the enclosed annotated map panel(s) revised by this LOMR for floodplain management purposes and for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued in your community.

Additional documents are enclosed which provide information regarding this LOMR. Please see the List of Enclosures below to determine which documents are included. Other attachments specific to this request may be included as referenced in the Determination Document. If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in general, please contact the Consultation Coordination Officer for your community. If you have any technical questions regarding this LOMR, please contact the Director, Mitigation Division of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Oakland, California, at (510) 627-7175, or the FEMA Information eXchange (FMIX) Center toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP). Additional information about the NFIP is available on our website at http://www.fema.gov/nfip.

Sincerely,

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Beth A. Norton, Program Specialist Engineering Management Branch Mitigation Directorate

List of Enclosures:

Letter of Map Revision Determination Document Annotated Flood Insurance Rate Map Annotated Flood Insurance Study Report

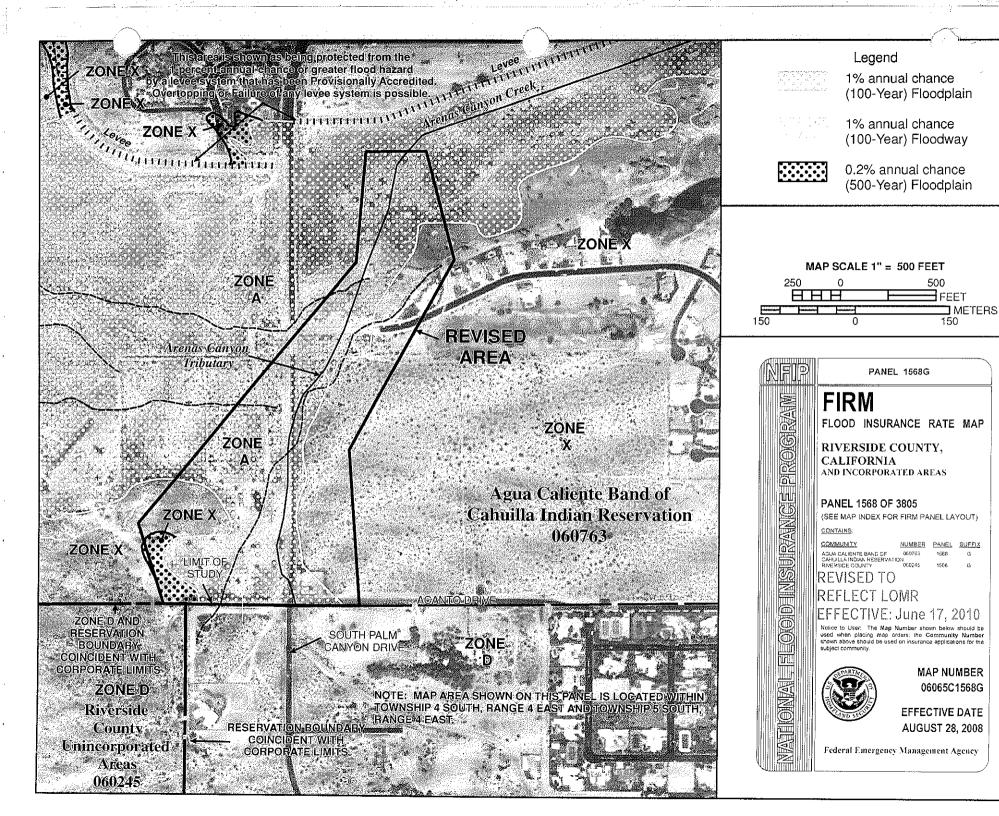
Ms. Margaret Park
Director
Planning and Natural Resources
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla
Indians Reservation

Mr. David Barakian Engineer City of Palm Springs

Mr. Kevin B. Brandt Senior Project Manager Stantec Consulting, Inc. or: Kevin C. Long, Acting Chief

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## LETTER OF MAP REVISION DETERMINATION DOCUMENT

| i           | COMMUNITY AND REVISION INFORMATION                                                      | PROJECT DESCRIPTION                                                                         | BASIS OF REQUEST                                         |  |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--|
| COMMUNITY   | Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians<br>Reservation<br>Riverside County<br>California | CHANNELIZATION<br>FILL                                                                      | BASE MAP CHANGES HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS NEW TOPOGRAPHIC DATA |  |
|             | COMMUNITY NO.: 060763                                                                   |                                                                                             |                                                          |  |
| IDENTIFIER  | Arenas Canyon Tributary                                                                 | APPROXIMATE LATITUDE & LONGITUDE: 33.774, -116.546<br>SOURCE: USGS QUADRANGLE DATUM: NAD 83 |                                                          |  |
|             | ANNOTATED MAPPING ENCLOSURES                                                            | ANNOTATED STUDY ENCLOSURES                                                                  |                                                          |  |
| TYPE: FIRM* | NO.: 06065C1568 G DATE: August 28, 2008                                                 | DATE OF EFFECTIVE FLOOD INSURA<br>PROFILE(S): 09P                                           | NCE STUDY REPORT: August 28, 2008                        |  |
|             |                                                                                         |                                                                                             |                                                          |  |
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\_iclosures reflect changes to flooding sources affected by this revision.

FIRM - Flood Insurance Rate Map; \*\* FBFM - Flood Boundary and Floodway Map; \*\*\* FHBM - Flood Hazard Boundary Map

#### FLOODING SOURCE(S) & REVISED REACH(ES)

Arenas Canyon Tributary - from approximately 1,560 feet downstream of South Palm Canyon Drive to just upstream of Acanto Drive

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Flooding Source
Arenas Canyon Tributary

Effective Flooding

Revised Flooding

Increases

Decreases

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Zone A

YES

YES

\* BFEs - Base Flood Elevations

#### DETERMINATION

This document provides the determination from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding a request for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the area described above. Using the information submitted, we have determined that a revision to the flood hazards depicted in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and/or National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map is warranted. This document revises the effective NFIP map, as indicated in the attached documentation. Please use the enclosed annotated map panels revised by this LOMR for floodplain management purposes and for all flood insurance policies and renewals in your community.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Information exchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter dressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 6730 Santa Barbara Court, Elkridge, MD 21075. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our website at hydroxymetric provided by the control of the LOMC Clearinghouse, 6730 Santa Barbara Court, Elkridge, MD 21075. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our website at hydroxymetric provided by the control of the LOMC Clearinghouse, 6730 Santa Barbara Court, Elkridge, MD 21075. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our website at hydroxymetric provided by the control of the control o

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### COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### APPLICABLE NFIP REGULATIONS/COMMUNITY OBLIGATION

We have made this determination pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) and in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, P.L. 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed NFIP criteria. These criteria, including adoption of the FIS report and FIRM, and the modifications made by this LOMR, are the minimum requirements for continued NFIP participation and do not supersede more stringent State/Commonwealth or local requirements to which the regulations apply.

NFIP regulations Subparagraph 60.3(b)(7) requires communities to ensure that the flood-carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained. This provision is incorporated into your community's existing floodplain management ordinances; therefore, responsibility for maintenance of the altered or relocated watercourse, including any related appurtenances such as bridges, culverts, and other drainage structures, rests with your community. We may request that your community submit a description and schedule of maintenance activities necessary to ensure this requirement.

#### OMMUNITY REMINDERS

We based this determination on the base (1-percent-annual-chance) flood discharges computed in the FIS for your community without considering subsequent changes in watershed characteristics that could increase flood discharges. Future development of projects upstream could cause increased flood discharges, which could cause increased flood hazards. A comprehensive restudy of your community's flood hazards would consider the cumulative effects of development on flood discharges subsequent to the publication of the FIS report for your community and could, therefore, establish greater flood hazards in this area.

Your community must regulate all proposed floodplain development and ensure that permits required by Federal and/or State/Commonwealth law have been obtained. State/Commonwealth or community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction or may limit development in floodplain areas. If your State/Commonwealth or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, those criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP requirements.

We will not print and distribute this LOMR to primary users, such as local insurance agents or mortgage lenders; instead, the community will serve as a repository for the new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information in this LOMR by preparing a news release for publication in your community's newspaper that describes the revision and explains how your community will provide the data and help interpret the NFIP maps. In that way, interested persons, such as property owners, insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, can benefit from the information.

This revision has met our criteria for removing an area from the base floodplain to reflect the placement of fill. However, we encourage you to require that the lowest adjacent grade and lowest floor (including basement) of any structure placed within the subject area be elevated to or above the Base Flood Elevation.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter dressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 6730 Santa Barbara Court, Elkridge, MD 21075. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our website at 3://www.fema.gov/nfip.

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We have designated a Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

Ms. Sally M. Ziolkowski
Director, Mitigation Division
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX
1111 Broadway Street, Suite 1200
Oakland, CA 94607-4052
(510) 627-7175

#### STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY NFIP MAPS

We will not physically revise and republish the FIRM and FIS report for your community to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. When changes to the previously cited FIRM panel(s) and FIS report warrant physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at that time.

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### **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF REVISION**

This revision will become effective 30 days from the date of this letter. Any requests to review or alter this determination should be made within 30 days and must be based on scientific or technical data.

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