FEMA has provided the City of Santa Barbara with new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information for portions of the City. This will affect several parcels in the City of Santa Barbara. Approximately 721 parcels that are not presently in a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area will be mapped into an SFHA. This change will trigger a mandatory requirement for flood insurance. Approximately 671 parcels currently in a SFHA will be removed. This could mean that flood insurance is no longer required, but it will be available and is recommended. Several other parcels are changing from one SFHA to another. These changes could trigger increases or decreases in Flood Insurance rates. These map panels will be effective November 4, 2015. If you have questions regarding these changes, need Flood Hazard Determination letters, or have basic questions about how to get flood insurance, please contact the City’s consultants, Kasraie Consulting:

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Professional Hydrologist, Certified Floodplain Manager
805-340-4744
kasraie@kasraieconsulting.com

For other Floodplain Management related questions including Base Flood Elevation Determinations or development in an SFHA, come to the Building & Safety Counter at 630 Garden Street or contact City Floodplain Management:

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805-560-7512
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Andrew Stuffler, CFM
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If you have questions about a parcel that is not within the jurisdiction of the City of Santa Barbara, please contact County of Santa Barbara Floodplain Management Section at 805-568-3440.