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Subject: Appeal of the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map for the City and County of San Francisco

Dear Mr. Curtis:

The City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) is submitting two appeals of the November 12, 2015, preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for San Francisco. We are submitting this appeal within the 90-day appeal period for the preliminary FIRM in accordance with the instructions FEMA provided in its April 20, 2016, letter to CCSF.

The appeals, which we are transmitting with this letter, are being submitted by the following:

- Port of San Francisco. The appeal has been prepared on behalf of the Port by COWI North America. The appeal pertains to Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries, zone designations, and Base Flood Elevations shown on Map Numbers 0602980116A and 0602980117A.
- Mission Bay Development Group. The appeal has been prepared on behalf of Mission Bay Development Group by Freyer & Laureta, Inc., and is dated July 25, 2016. The appeal pertains to SFHA boundaries shown on Map Number 0602980119A.

The respective packages for each of these appeals contain technical data demonstrating that the flood hazard information presented on the preliminary FIRM should be corrected. These data are contained in the attached thumb drive as well as via the document exchange portal set up for this purpose (Telamon.sharefile.com).

At this time, we are not aware of any other appeals of the preliminary FIRM. However, if we receive additional information prior to the end of the appeal period, we will submit that information as appropriate. Additionally, we understand that, following the expiration of the appeal period and finalization of the FIRM, CCSF may submit requests for Letters of Map Change on the basis of better technical data regarding flood hazards or based on physical changes that affect the flood hazard data shown on the FIRM.

CCSF is in receipt of the July 7, 2016, letter from Jeff Lusk, FEMA Region IX Mitigation Division Director, regarding San Francisco International Airport's application for designation of the Airport

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property as Zone A99. In subsequent communications with Mr. Lusk and yourself, the Airport has requested a meeting with FEMA to discuss FEMA's data requirements for the Zone A99 designation. We request that this meeting occur at FEMA's earliest convenience in August so that we can resolve this issue as expeditiously as possible.

We look forward to your responses to these appeals. If you have questions, or require further information, please contact me at (415) 554-2302 or matt.hansen@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,



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