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The Honorable Ramón Valadez
Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 West Congress Street, 11th Floor
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Case No.: 11-09-1817S

Community Name: Pima County, Arizona

Community Number: 040073

Map Panels Affected: 04019C1720M,
1740M, 2307M

Dear Mr. Valadez:

We are pleased to present your community with copies of the preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels for Pima County, Arizona, and Incorporated Areas for review and comment. This revision incorporates the Agua Caliente Wash Physical Map Revision (Case Number 09-09-2642P) modeling and mapping in accordance with the procedures of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The preliminary FIRM and FIS report and the digital FIRM database are also available via the internet at <http://www.bakeraecom.com/index.php/region-ix/mapping-status/>. These files can be used in conjunction with other thematic data in a computer mapping system for floodplain management purposes, insurance purchase and rating requirements, and many other planning applications.

To assist us in processing the revised FIS report and FIRM panels in a timely manner, we request that your community review the enclosed copies and submit any changes or comments within 30 days of the date of this letter. Any comments received during this 30-day period will be reviewed and incorporated as appropriate before the final publication of the FIS report and FIRM panels. At the end of the comment period, we will initiate a 90-day appeal period. You will receive formal notification of the 90-day appeal period. During this time, community officials and/or interested parties may submit scientific or technical information that would serve to refute the proposed Base Flood Elevations presented in the revised FIS report and FIRM panels. Notification of this appeal period will also appear in your local newspaper and in the *Federal Register*.

To assist your community in maintaining the FIRM, we have enclosed a preliminary Summary of Map Actions (SOMA) to document the status of existing Letter of Map Change (LOMC) actions (e.g., Letters of Map Amendment or Letters of Map Revision) that will be superseded when the revised FIRM panels become effective. Only the LOMCs affected by the revision will be addressed on the SOMA. The LOMC information in the SOMA is presented in four categories: (1) LOMC revisions that have been incorporated into the revised FIRM panels; (2) LOMC revisions that could not be shown on the revised FIRM panels because of scale limitations or because the LOMC determined that the lots or structures involved were outside the Special Flood

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Hazard Areas shown on the FIRM; (3) LOMC revisions that were not included on the revised FIRM panels because the flood hazard information on which they were based has been superseded by new flood hazard information; and (4) LOMCs issued for multiple lots or structures, where a new determination is required for one or more of the lots or structures. All of the previously issued LOMCs in Category 2 will be revalidated through a single letter, which will be sent to the community shortly before the date the FIRM becomes effective. The revalidation letter will become effective one day after the FIRM. Because the LOMCs in Category 4 cannot be revalidated through this administrative process, we will review the previously submitted data for these LOMCs and issue a new determination for the affected properties after the FIRM becomes effective.

We maintain information about map features, such as street locations and names, in or near designated flood hazard areas. Requests to revise such information may be provided during the community review period or during the statutory 90-day appeal period. Approved changes will be shown on the final FIRM panels.

Your community's comments on the enclosed materials are an important part of our review process and will be carefully considered before we publish the FIRM panels and FIS report in their final form. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed materials or the National Flood Insurance Program in general, please contact the Director, Mitigation Division of FEMA Region IX in Oakland, California, at (510) 627-7175. If you have any questions concerning mapping issues in general, please call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Sincerely,



Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Chief
Engineering Management Branch
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Enclosures:

Preliminary FIS report and FIRM panels
Preliminary Summary of Map Actions

cc: (without enclosures)

Community Map Repository
Ms. Susanne Shields, Community Floodplain Administrator
Mr. Brian Cosson, CFM, State NFIP Coordinator
The Honorable Gabrielle Giffords, U.S. Representative