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Subject: Risk MAP Project Status Report - Kenai Peninsula Borough, AK

Greetings,

My name is Matt Witosky and I am part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Risk MAP Project Team, working with the Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction (STARR), a contractor for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This email is being sent to you as a status update for work completed on this project as of May 18, 2015. Detailed status updates like this are sent quarterly and include the overall project status, changes to the scope or schedule of the project and a detailed overview of the individual technical tasks associated with the project.

Project History:

The State of Alaska identified the Kenai Peninsula Borough as a priority for FEMA's Risk MAP program. The State determines its priorities based on population at risk to hazards, recent events, and community interest. FEMA, State, and Local stakeholders participated in a Risk MAP Discovery/Scoping Meeting held March 2, 2011 where community concerns were identified. These concerns were captured in the Risk MAP Discovery Report and delivered to the communities in the borough. After the Discovery/Scoping Meeting, community concerns were researched and analyzed, in order to develop a scope of work that includes multi-hazard risk assessment products and updates to the communities' regulatory flood maps based on community-identified resilience needs.

Project Milestones and Deliverables:

Meeting/Deliverable	Point of Contact	Actual/Projected Date
Risk MAP Discovery Meeting	Tom Tufts	March 2, 2011
Flood Study Kick-Off Meeting	Tom Tufts	July 23-26, 2012
Flood Risk Review Meeting (FRR)/Draft Maps	Tom Tufts	August 27-28, 2013
Consultation Coordination Officers (CCO) Meeting	Ted Perkins	September 9-11, 2014
Public Meeting/Workshop	Ted Perkins	September 9-11, 2014
Preliminary DFIRM/FIS Release	Tom Tufts	June 13, 2014
Appeal Period Starts	Matt Witosky	1 st Start: January 28, 2015 2 nd Start: Early June 2015
Appeal Period Ends	Matt Witosky	1 st End: April 28, 2015 2 nd End: Early September 2015
Letter of Final Determination	Matt Witosky	Early February 2016
Draft Multi-Hazard Risk Report	Matt Witosky	Early February 2016
Risk MAP Resilience Workshop	Amanda Siok / Brett Holt	TBD
Delivery of Final Risk Report and Risk Assessment Database	Amanda Siok	Early February 2016
Maps and FIS become Effective	Ted Perkins	Early July 2016

Next Steps:

Due to a map repository address error for the City of Seward on a DFIRM Map Index, a correction noticed had to be submitted to FEMA and a subsequent Appeals and Protests period for the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the City of Seward will begin in early June 2015 and end in early September 2015. The City of Homer had an appeal period that ended on 4/28/2015. The City of Homer will sit idle while the second Appeal Period for the Borough and City of Seward takes place. At the conclusion of the second appeal period all three communities will go through the remaining FEMA required steps to reach an LFD date in early February 2016.

An Appeal Period will begin after the second publication of a notice of proposed flood hazard determinations in a newspaper that has circulation in your community. The Appeal Period continues for 90 days after the second publication in the local newspaper. All comments and/or appeals must be submitted during this 90-day Appeal Period. During the Appeal Period, technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report. These flood hazard determinations may include additions or modifications of any BFE, SFHA boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the FIRM. SFHAs are areas subject to inundation by the base (1-percent-annual-chance) flood. Floodways are the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood.

Challenges that do not relate to proposed or modified BFEs, SFHA boundaries, SFHA zone designations, or floodways are considered comments. Comments include, but are not limited to:

- Corporate limit revisions;
- Road name errors and revisions;
- Base map errors; and
- Other possible omissions or potential improvements to the mapping.

Additional information on this project including the project area and Risk MAP contacts can be found online at: http://www.starr-team.com/starr/RegionalWorkspaces/RegionX/Kenai_Coastal/SitePages/Home.aspx

If you have questions about this Risk MAP project, please contact the State Risk MAP Coordinator, Sally Russell Cox, sally.cox@alaska.gov, (907) 269-4588.

The STARR Region X Help Desk is another resource available to answer project-related questions. STARR staff will route and research your question, and respond within three business days. Submit your questions via email, the address is RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

If you want to keep up with what's happening around Region X, get project status updates, or learn about upcoming events and training opportunities, subscribe to the Region X monthly newsletter. For more information or to subscribe, email rxnewsletter@starr-team.com.

I hope you found this status update email helpful. If you would like to be removed from the distribution list, or if you feel there is someone that should be added to the list, please reply to this email. Contractor contact information is below.

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Kristen Meyers - Senior Mitigation Planner - FEMA Region X RAB
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