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Subject: Risk MAP Project Quarterly Report for the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska
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Greetings,

My name is Matt Witosky and I am part of the City and Borough of Sitka Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP) Project Team, working with the Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction (STARR II), 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 July 16, 2018. 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
FEMA is responsible for preparing Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) that delineate flood hazard zones and Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) in the United States. Because of the importance of understanding the nation's coastal flood risk, FEMA has initiated coastal flood risk studies for the populated coastline as part of its Risk MAP effort. Through the Risk MAP effort, FEMA is updating the nation's coastal Flood Insurance Studies (FISs) and FIRMs, where appropriate, and publishing new FIRMs in densely populated areas that were not previously mapped. For more information, please visit https://www.fema.gov/coastal-flood-risks-achieving-resilience-together .

The State of Alaska identified the City and Borough of Sitka as a priority for FEMA's Risk MAP program for this reason. 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 Meeting held August 5, 2013 where community concerns were identified. These concerns were captured in the Risk MAP Discovery Report and delivered to the communities in the City and Borough of Sitka. After the Discovery Meeting, community concerns were researched and analyzed, in order to develop a scope of work that includes multi-hazard risk assessment products based on community-identified resilience needs.

Project Milestones and Deliverables

Meeting/Deliverable	Point of Contact	Actual/Projected Date
Risk MAP Discovery Meeting	Matt Witosky	August 5, 2013
Flood Risk Review (FRR) Meeting/Draft Maps	Matt Witosky	February 2, 2016
Preliminary DFIRM/FIS Release	Matt Witosky	June 30, 2016
Consultation Coordination Officers (CCO) Webinar	Ted Perkins	October 13, 2016
CCO Meeting and Public Meeting/Open House	Sarah Shannon	January 25, 2017
Appeal Period Start	Matt Witosky	February 27, 2017
Appeal Period Ends	Matt Witosky	May 28, 2017
Revised Preliminary DFIRM/FIS Release	Matt Witosky	June 27, 2018
Draft Risk Assessment Database	Cynthia McCoy	To Be Determined*
Letter of Final Determination	Matt Witosky	December 2018*
Draft Multi-Hazard Risk Report	Cynthia McCoy	To Be Determined*
Risk MAP Resilience Workshop	Cynthia McCoy	To Be Determined*
Delivery of Final Report and Risk Assessment Database	Cynthia McCoy	To Be Determined*
Maps and FIS become Effective	Ted Perkins	June 2019*

**All projected dates are subject to revision as the project progresses.*

Recent Activity
The Revised Preliminary DFIRM/FIS release for the City and Borough of Sitka occurred on June 27, 2018. The revised preliminary products are available for download on FEMA's Flood Map Service Center website here. Following the issuance of the revised preliminary maps, the community has a 30-day review period to provide comments. No comments have been received at this time.

Next Steps
Once all comments in relation to the revised preliminary maps have been resolved, FEMA will send you the Letter of Final Determination (LFD). An LFD is a letter FEMA sends to the Chief Executive Officer of a community stating that a new or updated FIRM or DFIRM will become effective in 6 months. The letter also notifies each affected flood-prone community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that it must adopt a compliant floodplain management ordinance by the maps' effective date to remain participants in good standing in the NFIP. If assistance is needed, communities should contact their Regional Floodplain Management Specialist, Karen Wood-McGuiness, at karen.wood-mcguiness@fema.dhs.gov, or the Alaska State NFIP Coordinator, Jimmy C. Smith, at jimmy.smith@alaska.gov. The scheduled LFD date could change if there are comments or appeals that require additional processing of the FIS and FIRM. The effective date for the project will be six months after the LFD.

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/Sitka/SitePages/Home.aspx

NOTE: If you have trouble downloading or are prompted for credentials when clicking the file name on the website, cancel the prompt and instead right-click the file name and choose "Save As" or "Save Target As".

General Information
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 II Region X Help Desk is another resource available to answer project-related questions. STARR II 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 .

Current and past issues of the newsletter, project status updates, announcements, upcoming events, and training opportunities are also available online at the STARR II website, www.starr-team.com (shortcut link: http://j.mp/starrrxnews).

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. If you have any questions, or if there is information that you would like to see in future updates, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,

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