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

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), 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 April 13, 2016. 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 2016*
Consultation Coordination Officers (CCO) Meeting	Ted Perkins	July 2016*
Public Meeting/Workshop	Jamie Mooney	July 2016*
Appeal Period Start	Matt Witosky	September 2016*
Appeal Period Ends	Matt Witosky	December 2016*
Letter of Final Determination	Matt Witosky	Spring 2017*
Draft Multi-Hazard Risk Report	Amanda Siok	August 2016*
Risk MAP Resilience Workshop	Amanda Siok	October/November 2016*
Delivery of Final Report and Risk Assessment Database	Amanda Siok	Fall 2016*
Maps and FIS become Effective	Ted Perkins	Fall 2017*

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

Next Steps

In October of 2015, FEMA Region X issued a new task order to continue the production of the City and Borough of Sitka, AK Coastal Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) project. The tasks to be completed include the production and distribution of preliminary DFIRM mapping along with a Consultation Coordination Officers (CCO) Meeting. Currently, the DFIRM maps are being produced and will undergo quality reviews in the month of May. The preliminary maps should be completed and distributed around the end of June 2016. The CCO Meeting will be planned and scheduled about 30 days after the maps are distributed. The CCO meeting will give the communities an opportunity to have their questions answered and get an understanding of the path forward.

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>

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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 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.

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

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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