

July 13, 2017

Melba Hibbard Office of Emergency Services Manager Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services 3705 Oakdale Road Modesto, CA 95357

Dear Ms. Hibbard:

We have completed our final review of the *Stanislaus County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan*, officially adopted by the Stanislaus County, CA on July 11, 2017, and found the plan to be in conformance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201.6 *Local Mitigation Plans*.

The approval of this plan ensures the Stanislaus County's continued eligibility for project grants under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs, including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. All requests for funding, however, will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility, and other requirements of the particular program under which applications are submitted.

Also, approved hazard mitigation plans may be eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). Additional information regarding the CRS can be found at <a href="https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system">https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system</a> or through your local floodplain manager.

FEMA's approval of the *Stanislaus County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan* is for a period of five years, effective starting the date of this letter. Prior to July 13, 2022, Stanislaus County is required to review and revise its plan to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities, and resubmit it for approval in order to continue to be eligible for mitigation project grant funding. The enclosed plan review tool provides additional recommendations to incorporate into the plan when Stanislaus County undertakes its identified plan maintenance process.

If you have any questions regarding the planning or review processes, please contact Alison Kearns, Lead Community Planner, at (510) 627-7125 or by email at <a href="mailto:alison.kearns@fema.dhs.gov">alison.kearns@fema.dhs.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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## Enclosure

cc: Jose Lara, Chief of Hazard Mitigation Planning, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Jennifer Hogan, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services