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Santa Barbara County Public Works Department
Flood Control  Water Agency

October 14, 2008

Mr. Ray Lenaburg
FEMA Region IX
1111 Broadway, Suite 1200
Oakland, CA 94607-4052

RE: Santa Ynez River Flood Map, Santa Barbara County

Dear Mr. Lenaburg;

In 1996, the US Bureau of Reclamation prepared a Paleoflood Report to determine the relative return period of flood flows for the Santa Ynez River for purposes of review of the safety of Bradbury Dam. This report is enclosed and determined that the 1969 flood was approximately a 700-year flood.

If this information can be accepted by FEMA, then the flood maps for the River are significantly in error. Prior to embarking on any effort to revise the map, a determination of the acceptance of these revised flows would be needed by FEMA.

We therefore request that FEMA determine if this report would serve as a basis for a revised map in that the 100 year flood flow rate would be significantly less. Your determination will help guide what next steps there are, if any.

Thanks you for your attention to this matter, you may contact us at:
tfayram@cosbpw.net or lbean@ci.lompoc.ca.us

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Thomas D. Fayram
County of Santa Barbara
Deputy Public Works Director

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Larry Bean
City of Lompoc
Public Works Director