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The Honorable Scott A. Schlefstein
Chair, Sierra County Board of Supervisors
100 Courthouse Square, Room 11
P.O. Drawer D
Downieville, California 95936

RE: Sierra Valley Flood Study and Mapping Project

Dear Supervisor Schlefstein:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is undertaking Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) updates for the Sierra Valley in Plumas and Sierra Counties. This study involves new flood hazard mapping and Base Flood Elevation determinations, and improves the quality of the data used for both floodplain management and planning purposes.

In 2009, FEMA entered into a Cooperating Technical Partnership (CTP) contract with the California Department of Water Resources to complete detailed flood studies in the Sierra Valley (Sierra and Plumas Counties). The FIRMs were expected to be issued at the same time as other ongoing studies in Sierra County. However, during review processes, deficiencies were identified in the Sierra Valley study that prevented FEMA from incorporating the analyses.

FEMA's mapping partner, Compass, has now been contracted to revise the Sierra Valley study. We anticipate that a kick-off meeting for this new study will be scheduled in November 2018. The following topics will be discussed at the meeting:

- Overview of the study
- Study schedule and milestones
- Key points of contact within your community, FEMA Region IX, and the Production and Technical Services Contractor (Compass)

We will contact Sierra County staff directly and provide them with further details about the meeting. We look forward to working with your community on this project. If you have any questions, you may contact Ed Curtis, FEMA's Project Manager, at (510) 627-7207, or by e-mail at edward.curtis@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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