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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

CHANGES TO FEMA FLOOD MAPS FOR SIERRA VALLEY

You May Be Required to Get Flood Insurance

Opportunity to Review Proposed New Flood Maps

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in the process of revising the flood maps for Sierra County in the vicinity of Sierra Valley. FEMA's new preliminary flood maps show that many parcels, including most of the city of Loyalton, Sierra Valley and outlying communities, will be partially or fully located within a designated special flood hazard area, based on new studies.

If you have a federally-backed mortgage and FEMA's new maps show all or part of your structure within a "100-year" designated flood hazard area, your lender will likely require that you purchase flood insurance, once the new maps become effective (estimated to be Summer 2027). The determination is solely up to your lender, in reliance on these flood maps and in compliance with federal regulations. In addition, any proposed development in a FEMA-mapped special flood hazard area may be subject to federal regulations and State and local Building Codes pertaining to flood-resistant construction.

The Sierra County Planning Department and City of Loyalton are working with FEMA to inform the affected communities. Presentations of the proposed new flood maps have been scheduled before the Sierra County Board of Supervisors, as well as the "open house" workshop at Loyalton City Hall listed below. At this "open house" the preliminary flood maps will be available for viewing, and staff will be available to help locate your property on the maps, collect your comments, and try to answer any questions.

TUESDAY, March 17, 2026
Loyalton City Hall
605 School Street
Loyalton, CA
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

The flood insurance program is a nationwide, federal program. For additional information, and to view the maps, please check the following websites:

- **Current** flood insurance maps: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>
- **New Preliminary** flood maps: <https://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/259/Floodplain-Management>
- **Proposed changes to current flood maps (comparison with new preliminary maps):**
Google search: "flood map changes arcgis"

General flood insurance program information: <https://www.floodsmart.gov> You can also contact the Sierra County Planning Department at planning@sierracounty.ca.gov or (530) 289-3251 for additional information.