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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **CITY TO UPDATE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The City of Los Angeles has embarked on a planning process to reduce the adverse impacts of flood hazards. This effort will be implemented through the Community Rating System (CRS) and will result in an adopted, approved Comprehensive Floodplain Management Plan and Repetitive Loss Areas Analysis.

The CRS is a voluntary program within the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that encourages floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. Flood insurance premiums for property owners are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from community actions, which meet the following three goals of the CRS; reduce flood losses, facilitate accurate insurance rating, and promote awareness of flood insurance.

The City of Los Angeles currently has a class rating of 7 within the CRS, which translates into a 15 percent reduction in premium costs for structures located in special flood hazard areas.

This planning process is being led by the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works with support from a technical consultant. The planning process for this effort is expected to take approximately 10-12 months to complete.

Throughout this process, citizens will be asked to contribute by sharing local knowledge of an area's vulnerability to flood-related hazards based on past occurrences. Public involvement will be solicited via a multi-media campaign that will include public meetings, web-based information, questionnaires and updates on the plan progress via the news media. This process will be overseen by a Steering Committee made up of stakeholders from within the planning area. This Steering Committee will meet as needed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 1:30 to 3:30pm. Meeting locations will be posted on the City website and are open to the public.

An informational website on the plan and purposes for planning has been established at [http://eng.lacity.org/projects/fmp/public\\_activities.htm](http://eng.lacity.org/projects/fmp/public_activities.htm). This website will serve as the primary means for the public to gain information on the plan and ways that they can participate in the planning process. The public is highly encouraged to provide input on all phases of this plan's development. The website will also provide meeting notifications and announcements.

Any questions or comments regarding this process are encouraged and should be directed to Tonya Durrell at the Los Angeles Department of Public Works at [tonya.durrell@lacity.org](mailto:tonya.durrell@lacity.org).