Dear Mayor Riordan:

This responds to a request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revise the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community in accordance with Part 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. In a letter dated January 26, 1999, Mr. David Yamahara, Assistant Deputy Director, Planning Division, Department of Public Works, City of Los Angeles, requested that FEMA revise the FIRM to show the effects of the construction of a storm drain system, Hollyhills Drain Units 1 through 5, from Ballona Creek to approximately 300 feet upstream of Beverly Boulevard. This request follows up on a Conditional Letter of Map Revision issued on February 16, 1996.

All data required to complete our review of this request were submitted with letters from Mr. Yamahara. We have completed our review of the submitted data and the flood data shown on the effective FIRM. We have revised the FIRM to modify the elevations, floodplain boundary delineations and zone designations of the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) along Hollyhills Drain from Ballona Creek to Gregory Way and from Lindenhurst Avenue to Waulkon Way. As a result of the modifications, the base flood elevations (BFEs) along Hollyhills Drain from Ballona Creek to Gregory Way and from Lindenhurst Avenue to Waulkon Way decreased, and the width of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area that would be inundated by the base flood, decreased. The base flood is contained within the Hollyhills Drain from Ballona Creek to Gregory Way, and from Lindenhurst Avenue to just downstream of Third Street. The modifications are shown on the enclosed annotated copy of FIRM Panel(s) 0063 D and 0072 E. This Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) hereby revises the above-referenced panel(s) of the effective FIRM dated July 6, 1998.

Because this revision request also affects the City of West Hollywood, a separate LOMR for that community was issued on the same date as this LOMR.

The modifications are effective as of the date shown above. The map panel(s) as listed above and as modified by this letter will be used for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.
The following table is a partial listing of existing and modified BFES:

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<th>Location</th>
<th>Existing BFE (feet)*</th>
<th>Modified BFE (feet)*</th>
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<td>Intersection of La Cienega Boulevard and Blackburn Avenue</td>
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*Depth in feet above ground

Public notification of the modified BFES will be given in the Los Angeles Times on or about April 22 and April 29, 1999. A copy of this notification is enclosed. In addition, a notice of changes will be published in the Federal Register. Within 90 days of the second publication in the Los Angeles Times, a citizen may request that FEMA reconsider the determination made by this LOMR. Any request for reconsideration must be based on scientific or technical data. All interested parties are on notice that, until the 90-day period elapses, the determination to modify the BFES presented in this LOMR may itself be modified.

Because this LOMR will not be printed and distributed to primary users, such as local insurance agents and mortgage lenders, your community will serve as a repository for these new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information reflected by this LOMR throughout the community, so that interested persons, such as property owners, local insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, may benefit from this information. We also encourage you to prepare a related article for publication in your community’s local newspaper. This article should describe the assistance that officials of your community will give to interested persons by providing these data and interpreting the NFIP maps.

We will not physically revise and republish the FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. When changes to the previously cited FIRM panel(s) and FIS report warrant physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at that time.

This LOMR is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development, and for ensuring all necessary permits required by Federal or State law have been received. State, county, and community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction in the SFRA. If the State, county, or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP criteria.

The basis of this LOMR is, in whole or in part, a culvert project. NFIP regulations, as cited in Paragraph 60.3(b)(7), require that communities ensure that the flood-carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained. This provision is incorporated into your community's existing floodplain management regulations. Consequently, the ultimate responsibility for maintenance of the culvert rests with your community.

This determination has been made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and is in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-442, 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65). Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed NFIP criteria. These criteria are the minimum requirements and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature. This includes adoption of the effective FIRM to which the regulations apply and the modifications described in this LOMR.
FEMA makes flood insurance available in participating communities, in addition, we encourage communities to develop their own loss reduction and prevention programs. Our Project Impact initiative, developed by FEMA Director James Lee Witt, seeks to focus the energy of businesses, citizens, and communities in the United States on the importance of reducing their susceptibility to the impact of all natural disasters, including floods, hurricanes, severe storms, earthquakes, and wildfires. Natural hazard mitigation is most effective when it is planned for and implemented at the local level, by the entities who are most knowledgeable of local conditions and whose economic stability and safety are at stake. For your information, we are enclosing a Project Impact Fact Sheet. For additional information on Project Impact, please visit our Web site at www.fema.gov.

If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the NFIP in general, please contact the Coordination Officer (CCO) for your community. Information on the CCO for your community may be obtained by contacting the Director, Mitigation Division of FEMA in San Francisco, California, at (415) 923-7177. If you have any technical questions regarding this LOMR, please contact Mr. Max Yuan of our staff in Washington, DC, either by telephone at (202) 646-3843 or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596.

Sincerely,

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