



FEMA



SPECIAL NOTICE

CHANGES TO FEMA FLOOD MAPS FOR SIERRA COUNTY

You May Be Required to Get Flood Insurance

Final Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Flood Maps

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in the process of revising its flood maps for eastern Sierra County. FEMA's new preliminary flood maps show that various parcels, including much of the Sierra Valley and outlying communities, are 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. 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, State, and county regulations pertaining to floodplain management (e.g., Part 32 of the Sierra County Code).

The County is working with FEMA to inform affected property owners and communities. Presentations of the proposed new flood maps have been scheduled before the Sierra County Board of Supervisors and the Sierra County Planning Commission, as well as the two "open house" workshops listed below. The preliminary flood maps and "before/after comparison" maps will be available for viewing, and staff will be available to help locate your property on the maps, collect your comments, and answer any questions.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th
Sierra Brooks Lodge
510 Longhorn Dr.
Loyalton, CA
Starting at 5:00 pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th
fmr. Sierraville School
305 S. Lincoln St.
Sierraville, CA
Starting at 11:00 am

You can attend either of the open houses, regardless of the location of your property. The information presented will be the same at both the Sierra Brooks and Sierraville meetings.

The flood insurance program is a nationwide, federal program. For additional information, please check the following FEMA websites:

- General flood insurance program information: <https://www.floodsmart.gov>
- Current flood insurance maps: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

You can also contact the Sierra County Planning Department at planning@sierracounty.ca.gov or (530) 289-3251 for additional information.