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Richard Elias
Chairman Board of Supervisors, Pima County
130 West Congress Street
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Dear Mr. Elias:

Congratulations! Based on the field verification of your five-year cycle application, I have determined Pima County will increase to a Class 5 in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). This CRS rating means that NFIP policies issued or renewed for properties in Special Flood Hazard Areas beginning May 1, 2007, will receive a twenty-five percent premium discount.

This CRS rating and increased premium discount is based on your modified application. These increased savings are a tangible result of the voluntary activities your community has implemented. Please note there are no CRS discounts for Preferred Risk Policies (available for eligible Zones B, C, and X properties); and the discounts in Zones B, C, X, D, AR, and A99 are limited to ten percent in Class 1-6 communities, and five percent in Class 7-9 communities, because the rates for these zones already reflect significant premium reductions. It is also important for you to know the CRS discount is applied before the addition of the Federal Policy Fee.

Provided there are no NFIP compliance actions, the rating will be automatically renewed annually and a letter will not be sent. This renewal will occur as long as your community continues to implement the activities you certify annually each October. **If no additional modifications or new activities are added, your community will not have another verification visit for five years.** Meanwhile, the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will periodically send you CRS information to keep your community informed.

You are encouraged to add new activities annually in order to reach a better CRS classification. Each improvement in CRS Class results in greater flood insurance premium savings and brings your community closer to being truly disaster resistant. If you have questions on the enclosed scoring or need additional information, please contact the FEMA Region IX Office in Oakland, California by telephone at (510) 627-7190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David I. Maurstad".

David I. Maurstad
Assistant Administrator
Mitigation

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