



Public Works

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Kagel Canyon

Flood Insurance Rate Map Revision

Kagel Canyon Civic Association Meeting

April 4, 2024

Supervisorial District 5

Kagel Canyon Flood Insurance Map Revision

Our role for this discussion:

Los Angeles County Public Works is the County's Floodplain Manager for unincorporated areas.

Why we are here:

Inform the Kagel Canyon residents about the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) revision of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the Kagel Canyon area.

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National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and County's Role

The NFIP was established in 1968 to address the rising costs of federal disaster assistance.

- Map flood risks
- Lessen flood risk
- Provide flood insurance

FEMA administers the NFIP.

Los Angeles County (unincorporated areas) joined the NFIP in 1980.

Los Angeles County Public Works is the NFIP Administrator for the unincorporated areas.

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What are these FEMA maps? What's the issue with FEMA's maps for Kagel Canyon?

FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps depict flood hazard zones

→ Special Flood Hazard Areas (1% annual chance flood areas)

FEMA's current Flood Insurance Rate Maps do not reflect:

→ Actual alignment of the main creek

→ Up-to-date hydrologic data

→ Up-to-date topographic ("lay of the land") data

Result: Inaccurate flood hazard information used for flood insurance and regulation of development.

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What is Public Works doing about these FEMA maps?

FEMA's budget cannot accommodate the study needed to fix the inaccuracies

Public Works undertook the detailed engineering study to put the Special Flood Hazard Area back in the main creek

The fix is called a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR)

FEMA is issuing the LOMR in April/May 2024

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What are the overall impacts of the Letter of Map Revision?

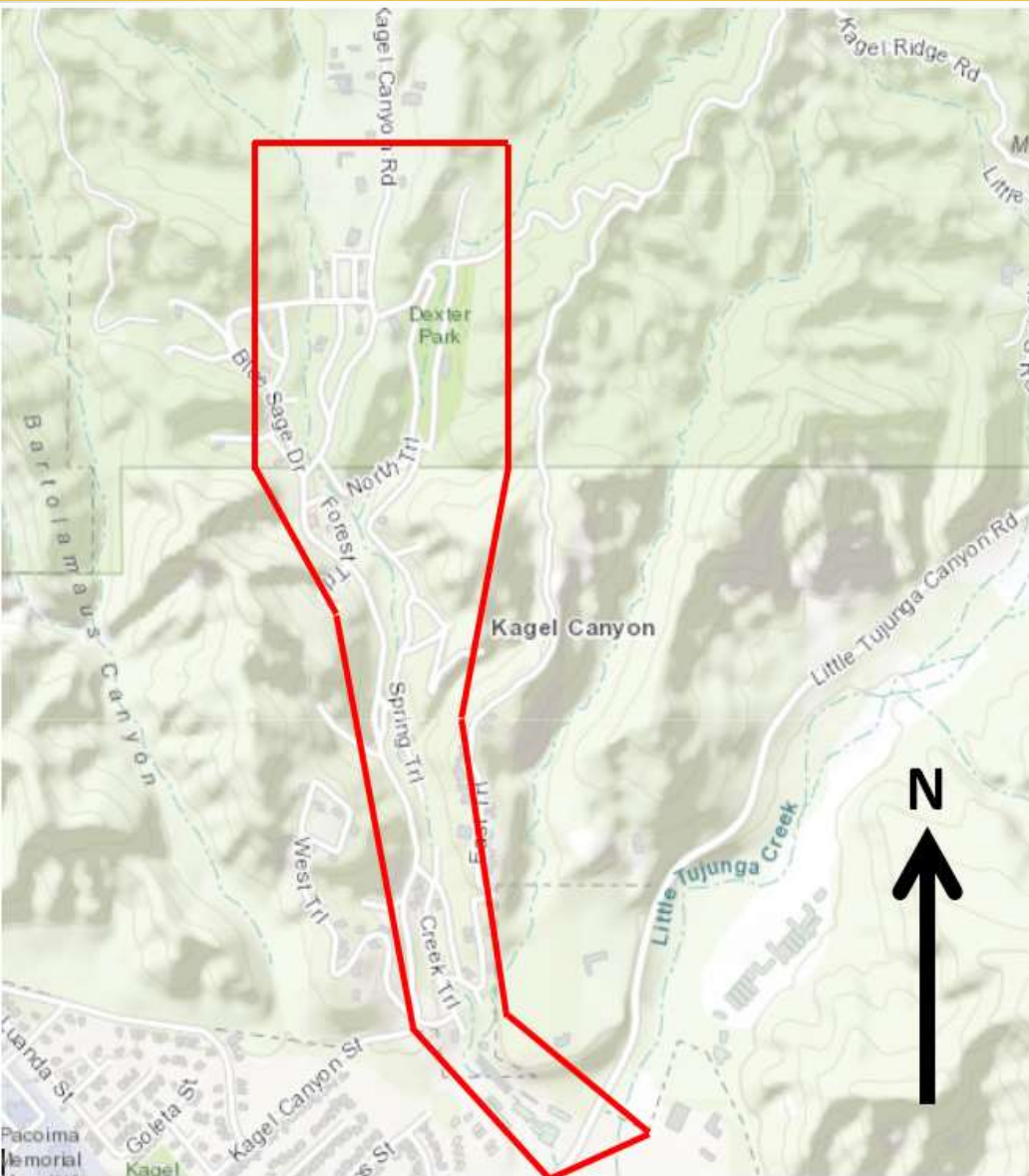
Some properties currently mapped in a Special Flood Hazard Area (Zone AE) will be mapped out into Zone X- Shaded (0.2% annual chance flood areas) or Zone D (area of possible but unknown flood risk).

Some properties that are currently mapped as Zone X (Shaded) or Zone D will be mapped in a Special Flood Hazard Area (Zone AE).

Some properties will continue to be mapped in Zone AE.

Areas currently mapped as Zone D, and are not newly mapped by LOMR's changes, will continue to be mapped as Zone D.

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Will I be affected by the map revision?
Where can I get more information?

Public Works will mail notification letters to the affected property owners when FEMA issues the LOMR (April/May 2024)

Public Works will hold a meeting for the affected owners

More information on Public Works' NFIP Website:

pw.lacounty.gov/WMD/NFIP/

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Next Steps

Public Works informs Kagel residents and affected property owners
(late April/May 2024)

Affected residents contact their insurance agents (April/May –
August/Sept 2024)

LOMR expected to go into affect August/September 2024

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Thank You!

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Questions?

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