



COMMUNITY
RATING
SYSTEM

VERIFICATION
REPORT

Exhibit 1

Ventura County, CA

NFIP Number: 060413

Date of Verification Visit: October 12, 2015

Verified Class 5

Cycle

This Verification Report is provided to explain the recommendations of Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) to DHS/FEMA concerning credits under the Community Rating System (CRS) for the above named community.

A total of 2662 credit points are verified which results in a recommendation that the community improve from a CRS Class 6 to a CRS class 5. The community has met the Class 5 prerequisite with a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule_(BCEGS) Classification of 3/3. The following is a summary of our findings with the total CRS credit points for each activity listed in parenthesis:

Activity 310 – Elevation Certificates: The Public Works Department maintains elevation certificates for new and substantially improved buildings. Copies of elevation certificates are made available upon request. (36 points)

Activity 320 – Map Information Service: Credit is provided for furnishing inquirers with basic flood zone information from the community's latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). Credit is also provided for the community furnishing additional FIRM information, information about problems not shown on the FIRM, special flood related hazards, and historical flood information. The service is publicized annually and records are maintained. (90 points)

Activity 330 – Outreach Projects: Credit is provided for informational outreach projects that include several brochures located at county buildings, general outreach projects that include providing handouts at several community events, and targeted outreach projects that include letters to floodplain properties and repetitive loss areas. These projects are disseminated annually. (200 points)

Activity 340 – Hazard Disclosure: Credit is provided for state and community regulations requiring disclosure of flood hazards. (20 points)

Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information: Documents relating to floodplain management are available in the reference section of the Ventura County Public Library. Credit is also provided for floodplain information displayed on the community's website. (27 points)

Activity 360 – Flood Protection Assistance: Credit is provided for offering one-on-one advice regarding property protection and making site visits before providing advice. (55 points)

Activity 410 – Floodplain Mapping: Credit is provided for conducting and adopting flood studies for areas not included on the FIRMs and that exceed minimum mapping standards. Credit is also provided for a cooperating technical partnership agreement with FEMA. (55 points)

Activity 420 – Open Space Preservation: Credit is provided for preserving approximately 30 percent of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as open space, protecting open space land with deed restrictions, and preserving open space land in a natural state. (608 points)

Activity 430 – Higher Regulatory Standards: Credit is provided for enforcing regulations that require freeboard for new and substantial improvement construction and local drainage protection. Credit is also provided for the enforcement of building codes, a BCEGS classification of 3/3, other higher standards, state mandated regulatory standards, and regulations administration. (251 points)

Activity 440 – Flood Data Maintenance: Credit is provided for maintaining and using digitized maps in the day to day management of the floodplain. Credit is also provided for maintaining copies of all previous FIRMs and Flood Insurance Study Reports. (149 points)

Activity 450 – Stormwater Management: The community enforces regulations for stormwater management, low impact development, soil and erosion control, and water quality. (246 points)

Section 502 – Repetitive Loss Category: Based on the updates made to the NFIP Report of Repetitive Losses as of February 2, 2012, Ventura County, CA has 58 repetitive loss properties and is a Category C community for CRS purposes. The community is required to submit either a Repetitive Loss Area Analysis or Floodplain Management Plan. (No credit points are applicable to this section)

Activity 510 – Floodplain Management Planning: Credit is provided for the adoption and implementation of the Ventura County Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2015. A progress report must be submitted on an annual basis. An update to the credited plan will be due by October 1, 2020. Credit is also provided for the adoption and implementation of a Natural Floodplains Functions Plan. (293 points)

Activity 540 – Drainage System Maintenance: All of the community's drainage system is inspected regularly throughout the year and maintenance is performed as needed. Credit is also provided for listing problem sites that are inspected more frequently, and for implementing an ongoing Capital Improvements Program. The community enforces a regulation prohibiting dumping in the drainage system and has appropriate signs posted. (345 points)

Activity 610 – Flood Warning and Response: Credit is provided for a program that provides timely identification of impending flood threats, disseminates warnings to appropriate floodplain residents, and coordinates flood response activities. Credit is also provided for the designation as a Storm Ready Community by the National Weather Service. (250 points)

Activity 630 – Dams: Credit is provided for a State Dam Safety Program. (37 points)

Activity 710 – County Growth Adjustment: All credit in the 400 series is multiplied by the growth rate of the county to account for growth pressures. The growth rate for Ventura County, CA is 1.05.

Attached is the Community Calculations Worksheet that lists the verified credit points for the Community Rating System.

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