



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Betty Hollister, APR  
Public Information Manager, 455-3139; cell 249-4378

September 1, 2004

## **New flood control facilities prompt removal of almost four square miles of land from flood zone**

Recent flood control improvements have prompted federal officials to revise flood insurance maps affecting almost four square miles of land in the southwest part of the Valley. This revision by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is one of the largest areas to ever be removed from a flood plain in Clark County.

The land being removed from a high risk flood zone is generally located near Tropicana Avenue, Sunset Road, Durango Drive and Hualapai Way. The recently completed Flamingo Wash Debris Basins and Channels are part of the Tropicana and Flamingo Washes Project and were funded in partnership with the Regional Flood Control District, the Federal Government and Clark County at a cost of \$30 million.

City of Las Vegas Councilman Larry Brown said the flood control improvements benefit not only property owners but the traveling public as well. "These facilities not only save lives -- they also save money," he said. Brown is also Chairman of the Regional Flood Control District's Board of Directors.

Because of these flood control improvements, property owners in this area are no longer required to purchase flood insurance. Kevin Eubanks, assistant general manager of the Regional Flood Control District, explained that while flood insurance is no longer required, landowners can continue their coverage at substantially reduced rates. "Many property owners may also qualify for refunds or credits to their coverage based on the change in flood plain designation," Eubanks said. "And even more important, residents in this area are better protected from damaging floodwater."

The flood insurance map revisions were made by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the regulatory body that oversees the National Flood Insurance Program. The revisions were prompted by a request from the Regional Flood Control District to show the benefit of recently completed drainage facilities.

For more information about flood zone status and flood insurance refunds, log on to the Regional Flood Control District's website at [www.ccrfcd.org](http://www.ccrfcd.org). The District is also mailing information to the affected property owners about this important change.

# IMPORTANT FLOOD ZONE INFORMATION

REGIONAL FLOOD  
CONTROL DISTRICT

August 30, 2004



Dear Property Owners:

You are receiving this notification because your property may be affected by a flood map revision published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This revision, effective September 3, 2004, means that more than 3,500 parcels of land near Tropicana Avenue, Sunset Road, Durango Drive and Hualapai Way are no longer required to carry flood insurance.

However, if you decide to continue coverage, premiums should be significantly reduced. Flood insurance may continue to be a wise investment for your property – FEMA estimates that approximately 25% of flood claims come from property not in a high risk zone. A flood insurance refund or credit may be available due to cancellation or reduction of premiums.

Enclosed is a copy of the Letter of Map Revision from FEMA and a map showing the area of flood zone removed (from Zone A to Zone X). These are the two items you would need to present to your mortgage/lending institution in order to change your flood coverage.

The area protected by the recently completed Flamingo Wash Debris Basins and Channels is one of the largest areas to ever be removed from a flood plain in Clark County. These improvements were funded in partnership with the Regional Flood Control District, the Federal Government and Clark County at a cost of \$30 million.

Since 1985, the Regional Flood Control District has overseen the construction of 62 detention basins and approximately 350 miles of channels and underground storm drains throughout Clark County. The District anticipates another 25-30 years before all flood control improvements are completed. Flood safety on the part of residents needs to be a top priority.

## The next steps you may want to take include:

- Present the FEMA Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), case number, and the attached map to your lending institution.
- Request a letter from your lender stating:
  - 1) flood insurance was a requirement as a condition of the loan, and
  - 2) you are no longer required to carry a policy for flood insurance based on the LOMR
- Present the lender's release letter to your insurance agent. At that time, you may decide to continue flood insurance coverage at a reduced rate or discontinue coverage.
- If you qualify for a refund, you may apply that credit to a reduced premium. If you decide to discontinue coverage, your insurance agent will process a refund through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

You may contact the NFIP at (800) 427-4661, if you have questions regarding the refund process; or visit their website at [www.fema.gov/nfip](http://www.fema.gov/nfip). Information contained in this mailing can also be accessed from the Regional Flood Control District's website at [www.ccrfcd.org](http://www.ccrfcd.org). Any additional questions can be directed to the District's office at 455-3139.