

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2017-0002]

Final Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Final notice.

SUMMARY: Flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of Base Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or zone designations, or regulatory floodways on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports have been made final for the communities listed in the table below.

The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that a community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM and FIS report are used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium

rates for buildings and the contents of those buildings.

DATES: The effective date of May 16, 2017 which has been established for the FIRM and, where applicable, the supporting FIS report showing the new or modified flood hazard information for each community.

ADDRESSES: The FIRM, and if applicable, the FIS report containing the final flood hazard information for each community is available for inspection at the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below and will be available online through the FEMA Map Service Center at www.msc.fema.gov by the effective date indicated above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) online at www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) makes the final determinations listed below for the new or modified flood hazard information for each community listed. Notification of these

changes has been published in newspapers of local circulation and 90 days have elapsed since that publication. The Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation has resolved any appeals resulting from this notification.

This final notice is issued in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR part 67. FEMA has developed criteria for floodplain management in floodprone areas in accordance with 44 CFR part 60.

Interested lessees and owners of real property are encouraged to review the new or revised FIRM and FIS report available at the address cited below for each community or online through the FEMA Map Service Center at www.msc.fema.gov.

The flood hazard determinations are made final in the watersheds and/or communities listed in the table below. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Dated: February 16, 2017.

Roy E. Wright,
Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

I. Watershed-based studies:

Community	Community map repository address
Quinnipiac Watershed	
Hartford County, Connecticut (All Jurisdictions) Docket No.: FEMA-B-1550	
City of Bristol	Engineering Division, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010.
City of New Britain	Public Works Department, 27 West Main Street, Room 501, New Britain, CT 06051.
Town of Plainville	Office of Technical Services, 1 Central Square, Plainville, CT 06062.
Town of Southington	Planning Department, 196 North Main Street, Southington, CT 06489.
New Haven County, Connecticut (All Jurisdictions) Docket No.: FEMA-B-1550	
City of Ansonia	Town and City Clerk's Office, 253 Main Street, Ansonia, CT 06401.
City of Derby	Building Department, 1 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT 06418.
City of Meriden	City Clerk's Office, 142 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450.
City of Milford	Parsons Government Center, 70 West River Street, Milford, CT 06460.
Town of Branford	Engineering Department, 1019 Main Street, Branford, CT 06405.
Town of Cheshire	Town Clerk's Office, 84 South Main Street, Cheshire, CT 06410.
Town of East Haven	Engineering Department, 461 North High Street, East Haven, CT 06512.
Town of Hamden	Planning and Zoning Department, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518.
Town of North Branford	Engineering Department, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471.
Town of North Haven	Town Clerk's Office, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT 06473.
Town of Orange	Public Works Department, 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477.
Town of Wallingford	Planning Department, 45 South Main Street, Wallingford, CT 06492.
Town of Woodbridge	Town Clerk's Office, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525.

Community	Community map repository address
Lower Big Blue Watershed	
Marshall County, Kansas and Incorporated Areas Docket No.: FEMA-B-1532	
City of Axtell	City Hall, 306 Maple Street, Axtell, KS 66403.
City of Beattie	City Hall, 302 Center Street, Beattie, KS 66406.
City of Blue Rapids	City Hall, 04 Public Square, Blue Rapids, KS 66411.
City of Frankfort	City Hall, 109 North Kansas Avenue, Frankfort, KS 66427.
City of Marysville	City Hall, 209 North 8th Street, Marysville, KS 66508.
City of Oketo	City Hall, 106 Center Street, Oketo, KS 66518.
City of Vermillion	City Hall, 102 Main Street, Vermillion, KS 66544.
City of Waterville	City Hall, 136 East Commercial Street, Waterville, KS 66548.
Unincorporated Areas of Marshall County	Marshall County Courthouse, 1201 Broadway Street, Marysville, KS 66508.

Lower Catawba Watershed	
Chester County, South Carolina and Incorporated Areas Docket No.: FEMA-B-1550	
Unincorporated Areas of Chester County	Chester County Government Complex, 1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass, Suite 63, Chester, SC 29706.

Lancaster County, South Carolina and Incorporated Areas Docket No.: FEMA-B-1550	
City of Lancaster	City Hall, 216 South Catawba Street, Lancaster, SC 29720.
Unincorporated Areas of Lancaster County	Lancaster County Zoning Department, 101 North Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29720.

York County, South Carolina and Incorporated Areas Docket No.: FEMA-B-1550	
City of Rock Hill	City Hall, 155 Johnston Street, Rock Hill, SC 29730.
Town of Fort Mill	Engineering Department, 131 East Elliott Street, Fort Mill, SC 29715.
Unincorporated Areas of York County	York County Planning and Development Services Department, 1070 Heckle Boulevard, Building 107, Rock Hill, SC 29732.

II. Non-watershed-based studies:

Community	Community map repository address
Calaveras County, California and Incorporated Areas Docket No.: FEMA-B-1553	
Unincorporated Areas of Calaveras County	Calaveras County Planning Department, 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249.

San Luis Obispo County, California and Incorporated Areas Docket No.: FEMA-B-1602	
City of Grover Beach	City Hall, 154 South 8th Street, Grover Beach, CA 93433.
City of Morro Bay	Public Works & Community Development Department, 955 Shasta Avenue, Morro Bay, CA 93442.
City of Pismo Beach	City Hall, 760 Mattie Road, Pismo Beach, CA 93449.
Unincorporated Areas of San Luis Obispo County	San Luis Obispo County Government Center, Public Works Department, 976 Osos Street, Room 207, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.

Cass County, Iowa and Incorporated Areas Docket No.: FEMA-B-1602	
City of Anita	City Hall, 744 Main Street, Anita, IA 50020.
City of Atlantic	City Hall, 23 East 4th Street, Atlantic, IA 50022.
City of Cumberland	City Hall, 207 Main Street, Cumberland, IA 50843.
City of Griswold	City Building, 601 2nd Street, Griswold, IA 51535.
City of Lewis	City Hall, 416 West Main Street, Lewis, IA 51544.
City of Marne	City Council Chambers, 403 Washington Street, Marne, IA 51552.
City of Massena	City Hall, 100 Main Street, Massena, IA 50853.
City of Wiota	City Hall, 311 Center Street, Wiota, IA 50274.

Community	Community map repository address
Unincorporated Areas of Cass County	Cass County Courthouse, Engineer's Office, 5 West 7th Street, Atlantic, IA 50022.

**Pocahontas County, Iowa and Incorporated Areas
Docket No.: FEMA-B-1602**

City of Fonda	City Hall, 104 West 2nd Street, Fonda, IA 50540.
City of Havelock	City Hall, 858 Wood Street, Havelock, IA 50546.
City of Laurens	City Hall, 272 North 3rd Street, Laurens, IA 50554.
City of Pocahontas	City Hall, 23 West Elm Avenue, Pocahontas, IA 50574.
City of Rolfe	City Hall, 319 Garfield Street, Rolfe, IA 50581.
Unincorporated Areas of Pocahontas County	Pocahontas County Courthouse, 99 Court Square, Pocahontas, IA 50574.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of Application for Incidental Take Permit; Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for California Flats Solar Project Operations and Maintenance Activities, Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit application; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received a request from California Flats Solar, LLC, for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The permit would authorize take of the federally endangered San Joaquin kit fox and the threatened California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, and vernal pool fairy shrimp, incidental to otherwise lawful activities associated with the California Flats Solar Project Operations and Maintenance Activities Habitat Conservation Plan. We invite public comment.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 19, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may download a copy of the draft habitat conservation plan and draft low-effect screening form and environmental action statement on the internet at <http://www.fws.gov/ventura/>, or you may request copies of the documents by U.S. mail to our Ventura office, or by phone (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Please address written comments to Stephen P. Henry, Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003. You may alternatively send comments by facsimile to (805) 644-3958.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Diel, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address or by calling (805) 644-1766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received a request from California Flats Solar, LLC (applicant), for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The applicant has agreed to follow all of the conditions in the habitat conservation plan for the project. The permit would authorize take of the federally endangered San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*) and the threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*), California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*), and vernal pool fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta lynchi*), incidental to otherwise lawful activities associated with the California Flats Solar Project Operations and Maintenance Activities Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). We invite public comment on the application and related documents.

Background

The San Joaquin kit fox was listed by the Service as endangered on January 24, 1997. The California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, and vernal pool fairy shrimp were listed by the Service as threatened on May 23, 1996, August 4, 2004, and September 19, 1994, respectively. Section 9 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations prohibit the “take” of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. “Take” is defined under the Act to include the following activities: “[T]o harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct” (16 U.S.C. 1532); however, under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act, we may issue

permits to authorize incidental take of listed species. “Incidental Take” is defined by the Act as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are, respectively, in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22. Under the Act, protections for federally listed plants differ from the protections afforded to federally listed animals. Issuance of an incidental take permit also must not jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plant species. All species included in the incidental take permit would receive assurances under our “No Surprises” regulations (50 CFR 17.22(b)(5) and 17.32(b)(5)).

The applicants have applied for a permit for incidental take of the San Joaquin kit fox, California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, and vernal pool fairy shrimp. The potential taking would occur by activities associated with the operations and maintenance of the California Flats Solar Project in suitable habitat for the covered species. Incidental take coverage for construction of the California Flats Solar Project was exempted under previous consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under section 7 of the Act.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that issuance of the permit is neither a major Federal action that will significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; NEPA), nor will it individually or cumulatively have more than a negligible effect on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, the permit qualifies for a categorical exclusion under NEPA as provided by the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 8.5).