



**FEMA**

March 23, 2023

The Honorable Mari Rodin  
Mayor, City of Ukiah  
Ukiah Civic Center  
300 Seminary Avenue  
Ukiah, CA 95482

Dear Mayor Rodin:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the submittal dated March 14, 2023, from Tim Eriksen, PE, City Engineer and Director of Public Works, City of Ukiah. The submittal is in regard to the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels for Mendocino County dated April 29, 2022. The submittal was received prior to the deadline listed in the letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) dated November 30, 2022, and involves flood hazards along Doolin, Gibson, and Orrs Creeks through out Ukiah.

The following were received on March 15, 2023:

- Questions on the hydrology and hydraulic approaches used by FEMA for the April 29, 2022, preliminary products;
- Comment regarding technical and scientific accuracy with hydraulic modeling, in particular the water flow between one-dimensional and two-dimensional models including a March 8, 2023, memorandum from GHD to the City of Ukiah;
- Comment from a private licensed civil engineer and land surveyor in Ukiah regarding the proposed changes to the FIRM in and around Ukiah;
- Previous Letter of Map Revision for Orrs Creek; and
- A letter from the Mayor of Ukiah to Congressman Jared Huffman.

FEMA will evaluate the issues raised in the referenced correspondence and submittal. If additional data or information are required to resolve the submittal, FEMA will contact your community. If warranted, FEMA will revise the preliminary FIRM panels and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and send revised copies to your office for review.

Until this submittal is resolved, FEMA will not issue a Letter of Final Determination finalizing the preliminary flood maps and report. Therefore, processing of the updated FIRM panels and FIS report for your community will not be finalized until that time.

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We appreciate your community's submittal and commitment to having the most accurate flood hazard information available reflected on the FIRM panels and in the FIS report. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Eric Simmons, Regional Engineer, of my office by telephone at (510) 928-5531 or by e-mail at [Eric.Simmons@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Eric.Simmons@fema.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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FEMA Region 9

cc: Tim Eriksen, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, City of Ukiah  
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