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Mr. Robert Samaan
Region 4 Administrator
FEMA Region IV
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road
Atlanta, GA 30341

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District Three

Re: Village of Estero Response to the FEMA April 8, 2024, Letter and Narrative

Lori Fayhee
District Four

Dear Mr. Samaan:

Rafael Lopez
District Five

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide a narrative regarding the Village of Estero's proactive and comprehensive approach to floodplain management which goes far beyond the 62 properties in the FEMA identified list.

Jim Ward
District Six

The Village is providing the following documentation to support our conclusion that we comply with FEMA's regulations and further that we have a very proactive floodplain management program that exceeds minimum requirements of the national Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The information provided is as follows:

George Zalucki
District Seven

Steve Sarkozy
Village Manager

1. Narrative of Estero's compliance procedures and process, including its overall comprehensive approach to floodplain management.
2. Community Outreach/Communication – included in Narrative.
3. SOPs for floodplain management - included in Narrative.
4. Map series and other supporting documentation – attached to narrative.
5. List of properties determined to be substantially damaged – paper copies provided to FEMA (James Mascellino) under separate cover on May 3, 2024.
6. List of permits issued in SFHA as of April 8 – provided paper copy under separate cover to FEMA (James Mascellino) on May 13, 2024.
7. Copies of Elevation Certificates received as of April 8, 2024 – provided paper copies under separate cover to FEMA (James Mascellino) on May 10, 2024.
8. List of demolition permits issued in the SFHA as of April 8, 2024 – provided paper copy under separate cover to FEMA (James Mascellino) on May 24, 2024.
9. List of Code Violations/stop work orders as of April 8, 2024 – provided paper copies under separate cover to FEMA (James Mascellino) on May 18, 2024.

Robert M.
Eschenfelder, Esq.
Village Attorney

Additionally, documentation for the properties identified by FEMA was provided by paper copy to James Mascellino, in separate “batches” as requested by FEMA, as follows:

April 16, 2024 - 13 properties

April 30, 2024 - 10 properties

May 10, 2024 - 14 properties

May 17, 2024 - 12 properties

May 28, 2024 - 7 properties

May 31, 2024 - 7 properties

June 1, 2024 - 2 properties

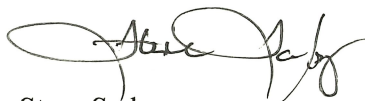
The following narrative is intended to describe the proactive approach by the Village that was, and is, intended to comply with all federal, State, and local regulations, more specifically related to FEMA and the NFIP. Also, we will explain that the proactive approach by the Village has had the objective of reducing the risks associated with natural disasters for the protection of property and life, and to reduce financial risks for the property owners, residents, and FEMA. In short, it describes the consistent alignment of our local policies with those of FEMA while demonstrating compliance with NFIP standards.

We believe that we have supplied all of the information requested and remain available should you and your staff have any additional questions.

We believe in the approach of FEMA and are a willing local partner. We believe that you will see the true spirit of our policies. Moving forward, we would ask that FEMA help us improve any policy or procedure without penalizing the very community that clearly supports this common agenda.

Of course, we are available for any questions that you may have regarding any portion of the narrative.

Respectfully,



Steve Sarkozy,
Estero Village Manager

Attachment: Narrative