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## Reminder – Purchase Flood Insurance Before December 6, 2010 to Lock in Lower Rates

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**Oroville, CA** – Butte County officials encourage property owners to purchase flood insurance before December 6, 2010 to take advantage of lower rates if their property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA issued new flood maps for Butte County earlier this year with an effective date of January 6, 2011. Approximately 400 new parcels in the south county along the west side of Feather River as well as 150 parcels in Chico will be subject to FEMA flood insurance requirements. Affected property owners are encouraged to obtain flood insurance prior to December 6, 2010, or 30 days before the effective date of the map, to take advantage of lower rates.

The newly released maps, also known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) show the high-risk flood areas as determined by FEMA. In these areas, also known as Special Flood Hazard Areas, flood insurance is required by FEMA if property owners have mortgages from federally regulated lenders. When risk designations change, flood insurance rates change as well. However, property owners may be able to take advantage of certain cost saving options available through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), if they purchase insurance at least 30 days prior to being placed in a Special Flood Hazard Area by these new maps.

To get more information on FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program, property owners can go to [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) and obtain flood risk, estimated flood insurance rates, and find an insurance agent. They can also call NFIP directly at (888) 379-9531. Moreover, property owners can contact their insurance agents directly for rate information. The County has also established a website where residents can enter their address or parcel number to see the new FIRM released by FEMA by using the following link <http://sk.chicomapworks.com/>. Actual maps can be viewed by using the following link: <http://www.buttecounty.net/Public%20Works/Divisions/Land%20Development/FIRM.aspx>. FEMA requires flood insurance for structures with mortgages from federally regulated lenders with the following designations: A, AE, A1-30, AH, AO, V, VE, V1-30, AR, and A99. (see attachment for more information)

Local government officials are continuing to work together on long-term solutions for enhanced flood protection in our communities.

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