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**Date:** June 7, 2001  
**To:** Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Jerry Shultz, Councilman, 9th District  
**Subject:** LOS ANGELES COUNTY DRAINAGE (LACDA) PROJECT STATUS/MANDATORY FLOOD INSURANCE - AGENDA ITEM FOR JUNE 12, 2001

Many Long Beach citizens have received or will soon receive a bill for another year's mandatory flood insurance as a result of the FEMA requirement. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will not issue a Letter of Map Revision affecting this insurance requirement until the remaining segment of the Los Angeles River construction is completed. This construction is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Since the typical Los Angeles County basin rainy season does not begin until early next year and since the construction will be completed before the next rainy season begins, there is virtually no risk of a "100 year flood" during this time frame. Since this potential "100 year flood" triggered the mandatory flood insurance, it would appear that there is no further need for this insurance. Consequently, Long Beach citizens are being "bilked" again by FEMA for an event, which is non-existent.

Since Long Beach has been hit especially hard with our energy crisis, FEMA should be asked to provide immediate relief to our citizens by removing any further mandatory flood insurance.

I am recommending that the City Council take immediate action to make the above request to FEMA and our Washington representatives and explore the possibility of taking legal action against FEMA should this request be denied.

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