



## TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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### Draft

(This is a draft of the letter that staff will be sending out soon about the meeting scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>)

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#### Informational Notice

#### Flood Studies for Ross Valley and Changes to Flood Insurance Rate Maps

Dear Property Owner:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is Responsible for the preparation of Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This letter is to inform you that FEMA is now conducting flood studies within the Ross Valley watersheds. These studies will result in revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps for these areas, which may include a change in flood risk classification for some property owners, or add properties to a special Flood Hazard Area.

The Town of Fairfax is sending this letter to residents in, **and in the vicinity of**, existing Special Flood Hazard Areas, as an advance notice of potential changes to the Special Flood Hazard Areas, and to provide an information source so that you may follow the process. Additionally, we are including this notice to residents in areas of minimal flooding so that you can learn about flood risks as well. No action is required on your part at this time. We expect that within the next few months FEMA will release Preliminary Maps. FEMA will coordinate with us to hold community meetings to obtain comments, as well as to provide additional information. The first meeting will be 7:00 pm June 28, 2012 at Sir Francis Drake High School. We will have two additional community meetings later in the year once the maps are published. There will also be additional noticing and a 90-day appeal period before the revised maps become effective. Before these events occur, however, you can track the progress and view maps under development at the following website:

<http://www.bakeraecom.com/index.php/california/marin-county>

For more information on flood insurance, you can visit: [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)

If you would like additional information please feel free to call me at: 415-458-2370

Sincerely

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