

January 31, 2025

Cameron Hamilton  
Senior Official Performing the Duties of FEMA Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C St SW  
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Support for Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) Application for the Smith Canal Gate Project

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

I write today in support of the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCAs) Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Smith Canal Gate Project.

Prior to the Smith Canal Gate Project, this region of Stockton was at risk of flooding due to its close proximity to the San Joaquin River. Given the significant upgrades to flood control infrastructure, the Smith Canal Gate area will now meet the 100-year flood protection requirements set forth by FEMA. It is critical that FEMA quickly approve and remap the region protected by the Smith Canal Gate Project to reduce burdensome costs and requirements.

With the updated flood protection measures and the approval of the LOMR, 8,700 properties in the Smith Canal Gate area will no longer have or be at risk of FEMA's "high risk" flood zone designation. Since this designation has yet to be changed, community members are delayed in moving forward with construction on their properties, adding undue stress and delays. This remapping effort is urgent as it will lead to the removal of the mandatory flood insurance requirement and allow community members to expediently move forward with authorized plans on their respective properties.

I urge full and fair consideration of SJAFCAs Letter of Map Revision application for properties protected by the Smith Canal Gate Project. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Harder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending from the end of the word "Harder".

Josh Harder  
Member of Congress