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*Contra Costa County Earns Discount for Flood Insurance*

**October 3, 2018, Martinez, CA** – Residents and businesses of unincorporated Contra Costa County will be paying less for flood insurance, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Contra Costa County has earned a Class 5 community rating from FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As a result, current and new policyholders will save 25% percent on the annual premium on each flood insurance policy in identified high-risk areas and 10% percent in lower risk areas. That translates into yearly premium savings of approximately \$437.00 dollars for residents, totaling more than \$450,000 dollars for residents and businesses in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Residents and businesses in unincorporated areas of Richmond, El Sobrante, Rodeo, Port Costa, Martinez, Alhambra Valley, Pacheco, Pleasant Hill, Concord, Clayton, Bay Point, Walnut Creek, Alamo, Danville, Diablo, San Ramon, Brentwood, Oakley, Byron, Discovery Bay, Marsh Creek, Morgan Territory, Tassajara Valley, Bethel Island and Holland Tract are eligible for the new rates.

"The Board is proud of the efforts by Public Works staff to ensure the safety of our residents throughout Contra Costa County." stated Supervisor Mitchoff, Chair of the Board. "We look forward to continuing to work with FEMA to lower insurance costs as well."

NFIP policies are available through private insurance companies and agents and there is usually a 30-day waiting period before coverage goes into effect. For more information about floods, flood insurance, and your own flood risk, visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

**About Contra Costa County Public Works Department:**

[Contra Costa County Public Works Department](#) (CCCPWD) maintains over 660 miles of roads, 150 miles of streams, channels and other drainage and over 200 County buildings throughout Contra Costa County. CCCPWD provides [services](#) such as Parks and Recreation, Sand Bag Distribution and Flood Control throughout unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County. For more information about CCCPWD, please visit us [here](#).

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