February 27, 2015

New Mexico Department of Transportation

District 3 Offices

P.O. Box 91750

Albuquerque, NM 87199-1750

**Re: Notification of increases in 1% (100-year) annual chance water-surface elevations and/or future flood hazard revisions**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for a community depicts the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area which has been determined to be subject to a 1% (100-year) or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The FIRM is used to determine flood insurance rates and to help the community with floodplain management.

Isaacson & Arfman, P.A. is applying for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA) on behalf of Americus, LLC to revise FIRM panels 35001C0142H and 35001C0163H for City of Albuquerque, New Mexico along the Pino Arroyo between Tramway Blvd and the Pino Dam. Americus, LLC is proposing to channelize the arroyo via a concrete box culvert and a section of open concrete lined channel as part of a plan to make the land usable for development.

The proposed project will result in increases in the 1% annual chance (base) water-surface elevations for a portion of the Pino Arroyo.

Once the project has been completed, a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) request should be submitted that will, in part, revise the following flood hazards along the Pino Arroyo.

1. Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) will be established along the Pino Arroyo between Tramway Blvd and the Pino Dam.
2. The SFHA will decrease along the Pino Arroyo between Tramway Blvd and the Pino Dam..

This letter is to inform you of the proposed project that may affect flood elevations on your property at Tramway Blvd, from Simms Park Road to a point approximately 900 feet north. This letter is also to inform you of the potential changes to the effective flood hazard information that would result after the project is completed and a LOMR request is submitted to FEMA.

Maps and detailed analysis of the proposed flood hazard revisions can be reviewed at the Plaza del Sol Building, One Stop Desk at 600 2nd St NW. If you have any questions or concerns about the proposed project or its effect on your property, you may contact the City of Albuquerque Hydrology Section Manager at 505-924-3986 for additional information from 03/15/2015 to 06/01/2015.

Sincerely,

**ISAACSON & ARFMAN P.A.**

Genevieve L. Donart, P.E.

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Attachments