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Important Floodplain Management Plan Development Public Information Meeting

**Wednesday, July 16, 2014
5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Collier County Growth Management Division's Natural Resources Department staff will host a **Floodplain Management Plan Development Public Information Meeting on Wednesday, July 16 from 5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at Growth Management Division - Planning and Regulation, Rooms 609/610, 2800 North Horseshoe Drive, Naples, Florida 34104. All members of the public wanting to learn more about the Floodplain Management process are welcome to attend. There will be a formal presentation followed by an opportunity for attendees to ask questions. The meeting is planned to be broadcast live on Collier Television and via colliergov.net.

Collier County is in the process of updating its Floodplain Management Plan as a requirement to maintain eligibility for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) federal disaster funding and to increase credit in the Community Rating System (CRS) Program. The county is working to better develop hazard mitigation to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from hazards. Since many events are predictable and repetitive, prevention efforts are necessary, cost effective and environmentally sound.

The CRS Program includes the following goals: reduce flood damage to insurable property; strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program; and encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management. The benefits of the CRS Program are that money stays in the community, insurance savings offset costs, flood protection is improved, programs are better organized and technical assistance is available.

The county would like public participation, knowledge and feedback throughout the planning process. Individuals and organizations with data relating to flooding hazards affecting Collier County including stormwater flooding, coastal flooding, severe storm flooding, repetitive flooding, etc., are asked to provide input into the planning process and the updating of the hazard identification and risk assessment portion of the plan.

In addition to the evening meeting, the *Collier County Floodplain Management Planning Committee* will meet **Wednesday, July 16 at 10 a.m.** in the same location. The committee will be reviewing the same information that will be provided again in the evening. The committee meeting is

also open to the public. Additional meetings planned by the Floodplain Management Committee will be posted on the Collier County web calendar at www.colliergov.net/GMDcalendar.

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Two or more members of the Board of County Commissioners may be in attendance at this meeting. The subject matter of this meeting may be an item for discussion and action at a future Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or other reasonable accommodations in order to participate in this proceeding, should contact the Collier County Facilities Management Department located at 3335 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, Florida 34112, or 239-252-8380 as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event. Such reasonable accommodations will be provided at no cost to the individual.

For more information, call the Collier County Growth Management Division at 239-252-8192.

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