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The Department of Public Works of the City of Pacifica is pleased to announce that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed its detailed review of Pacifica's Floodplain Management Program and application into the Community Rating System (CRS) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The objectives of CRS are to reward communities for their flood management efforts that go above and beyond the NFIP's minimum standards for floodplain regulation, as well as provide incentives for new flood protection activities. The reward comes in the form of reduction in flood insurance rates, depending on the community's CRS classification. Pacifica has been rated by FEMA at CRS at Class 7, which is equivalent to a 15% premium discount in flood insurance or an average savings of \$250 in annual flood insurance premium for properties within the special flood hazard areas.

Pacifica was able to achieve the Class 7 rating because of its efforts; to disseminate public information and awareness through public meeting and mailers, review and update of FEMA flood maps and continued work on flood reducing capital projects, like the San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement Project.

According to Gregor Blackburn of FEMA, most communities enter the CRS with a much lower Class 9 rating and even praised Pacifica for its efforts that merit a Class 7 rating. Pacifica's entry into the CRS is effective May 1, 2013.

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