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COUNCIL WORK SESSION SUMMARY ROUTING SLIP

Meeting Date: May 23, 2016

TITLE: DIGITAL FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS.

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- Will there be a Video Presentation for this item? Yes No
- Will there be a PowerPoint Presentation for this item? Yes No
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PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION:

- Inform/Update
- Direction/Guidance
- Legislative Development/Policy

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The City of Las Cruces (City) participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which allows property owners to purchase affordable flood insurance. The City has worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) since 2004 for the development of the revised Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) in digital format.

The purpose of the FIRMs is to provide flood hazard information to communities. The revision to the existing maps will provide improved accuracy and detail to flood prone areas within Las Cruces.

There have been many opportunities for the City and public to review and comment on the proposed maps. In addition, FEMA initiated a ninety (90) day appeal period in December of 2014 to address specific concerns about the flood zone boundaries and accuracy of the FIRMs.

To be in compliance with FEMA requirements, the new FIRM maps need to be officially adopted by the City Council. Additionally, the current ordinance which governs the City's participation in the NFIP (LCMC, Chapter 34, Drainage and Flood Control, Article II. Flood Damage Prevention) will need to be updated to reflect the new maps and study.

The presentation will include background information, major revisions, and benefits of the digital maps.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. N/A

(Continue on additional sheets as required)