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Neal T. O'Haire Emergency Services Manager Napa County OES 1195 Third Street Napa, CA 94559

Dear Mr. O'Haire:

We have completed the final review of the Napa County, California multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and found the plan to be in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requirements.

Napa County can be commended for its commitment to an on-going participatory planning process, thorough hazard profile and risk assessment for all identified hazards as well as a comprehensive list of innovative actions designed to reduce the impacts of future disasters.

We have placed a copy of the approved plan into the National Emergency Management Information System (NEMIS) plans repository for future reference. The enclosed crosswalk provides specific recommendations to incorporate into the plan when Napa County undertakes its identified plan maintenance process.

This plan is valid for five years from the approval date. The plan must be reviewed, updated and submitted to FEMA Region IX for approval at least once every five years. Regional approval will be based, in part, on the successful incorporation of our recommendations into subsequent iterations.

The approval of this Plan is not an indication that the actions described can automatically be funded by our Pre-Disaster Mitigation, Hazard Mitigation Grant and/or Flood Mitigation Assistance Programs. All requests for funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted. For example, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the aforementioned programs.

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If you have any questions regarding the planning process, please contact Helen DuBois, Mitigation Planning Coordinator, (510) 627-7272, or by email at <a href="mailto:helen.dubois@dhs.gov">helen.dubois@dhs.gov</a>. An alternate contact is Juliette Hayes, (510) 627-7211, or by email at <a href="mailto:juliette.hayes@dhs.gov">juliette.hayes@dhs.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Sally Holkowski, Director

Mitigation Division

## Enclosure

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State Hazard Mitigation Officer

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