



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Planning Commission

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SUBJECT: Arapahoe County's Floodplain Management Program



Background

Arapahoe County's Floodplain Management Program is managed through the Engineering Services Division. The purpose of this program is to review and approve floodplain activities, then permit and inspect those floodplain activities that comply with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to ensure our citizens have clean stormwater runoff and are protected from flood events. This study session is to provide background and history on floodplains, why they are regulated by FEMA, what is managed by the County's program and floodplain reviews for development.

This study session will cover the following topics:

- Historical Flooding In the United States and Colorado
- Need to Regulate/FEMA
- County's Floodplain Management Program
- Floodplain Reviews

Attachment

1. Floodplain Management Program Powerpoint Presentation