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**NEW FEMA FLOOD MAPS FOR MAUI COUNTY TO TAKE EFFECT NOV. 4, 2015  
WITH MANDATORY FLOOD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS –**

**Public information meetings to explain possible new insurance requirements**

HONOLULU – The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and County of Maui are inviting home and business owners to attend important upcoming public information meetings on changes in the new FEMA Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) for Maui County.

These map changes, primarily for Kaunakakai and south shore areas of Molokai, and Kihei and Waikapu areas on Maui, will become effective on November 4, 2015.

A property's flood risk may change, and consequently so will the requirement for federally mandated flood insurance, as well as construction standards.

There will be two public meetings for property owners to attend to get more information:

Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 1 to 4 p.m.  
KULANA IWI Pavilion, Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands  
600 Maunaloa Highway  
Kaunakakai, Hawaii

and

Thursday, July 30, 2015, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Kihei Community Center  
303 East Lipoa Street  
Kihei, Hawaii

DLNR is the state coordinating agency responsible for assisting the coordination of the National Flood Insurance Program between FEMA and County agencies in Hawaii. FEMA Region IX Flood Insurance Specialist, along with staff from Maui County and DLNR will be available to answer questions and assist property owners in determining their flood risk. County officials will be available to answer building permit questions for property owners considering developing in newly mapped high-risk flood zones.

It is important to understand how the new maps may impact your flood risk rating. For starters, download FEMA FACTSHEET on what property owners need to know about the map change and flood insurance: <http://dlnreng.hawaii.gov/nfip/?p=1973>

For more information of the public meetings, please contact Maui County at (808) 270-7253.

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