



## THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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### News Release

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### **Department of Public Works accepting appeals to new FEMA flood maps**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) announces that it is in the 90-day appeal period for the proposed Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM).

“DPW will accept appeals from owners or lessees of property on Kaua'i who believe their property rights will be adversely affected by the proposed flood hazard determinations,” said Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami. “The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has designated the 90-day appeal period through Feb. 12, 2020.”

In May of 2019, FEMA provided Kaua'i County with preliminary copies of the proposed FIRM. The preliminary FIRM includes changes to flood zones along Waimea River, Hanapēpē River, and Moloa'a Stream. FEMA has posted digital copies of the preliminary FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) to the following website:

<http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata>.

The State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has also posted the preliminary FIRM onto its Flood Hazard Assessment Tool (FHAT) website:

<http://gis.hawaiiinfip.org/FHAT/>.

Printed copies of the preliminary FIRM and FIS available for viewing at the DPW Engineering Division office located at Suite 175 of the Moikeha Building at 4444 Rice Street in Līhu'e.



Appeals shall be submitted to the DPW Engineering Division Office. The County will then review the appeal before submitting it to FEMA. Items that can be appealed are new or modified Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries, SFHA zone designations, and/or regulatory floodway boundary changes. All appeals must be supported by scientific and/or technical data and be certified by a Registered Professional Engineer or a Licensed Land Surveyor.

Detailed information of the appeal process can be found at:

[https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/5270aa93d5b892c8420248bc8f40a1ee/FIRM+Appeals+\(EAP\)+Criteria.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/5270aa93d5b892c8420248bc8f40a1ee/FIRM+Appeals+(EAP)+Criteria.pdf).

Anyone with questions can contact the Kaua'i County Floodplain Administrator, Mr. Stanford Iwamoto at 808-241-4896 or [siwamoto@kauai.gov](mailto:siwamoto@kauai.gov).

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