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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 26, 2015

From: Maggie Olivier, Floodplain/CRS Specialist, Jefferson Parish Floodplain Management Hazard Mitigation Department

To: Michelle Gonzales, Director, Jefferson Parish Floodplain Management Hazard Mitigation Department

Re: National Disaster Resilience Competition – Certification of Consistency with Hazard Mitigation Plan

Please allow this letter to certify that the overall approach and the specific activities proposed in the Jefferson Parish's Phase II application as part of the National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) are consistent with the Parish's most recent [Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) (HM Plan). Both the NDRC proposal and the HM Plan focus on the importance of increasing flood protection, particularly in light of the impacts resulting from recent disasters and in preparation for future conditions due to climate change, storm surge, subsidence, and other factors.

Specifically, the HM Plan calls for hazard profiles, risk assessments, mitigation goals, strategies, and mitigation action priorities for unincorporated Jefferson Parish as well as each of the incorporated municipalities. The HM Plan strives to accomplish four main goals:

1. Identify and pursue preventive measures that will reduce future damages from hazards
2. Enhance public awareness and understanding of disaster preparedness
3. Reduce repetitive flood losses and substantial damage in the Parish and municipalities
4. Facilitate sound development in the parish and municipalities so as to reduce or eliminate the potential impact of hazards

These goals align with NDRC's objective to prepare communities to face future disasters and analyze risk using science-based data. The specific mitigation actions that align with NDRC proposed projects follow:

- Elevate, Acquire, Reconstruct, Relocate or Flood proof private and public structures and infrastructure in flood-prone areas
- Increase storm water protection management including retention and detention basins
- Implement drainage improvement projects in flood-prone areas
- Install increased permanent pumps to alleviate flooding
- Implement failover systems as well as study and implement diversion projects for the Miss River
- Increase coastal protection
- Build back marsh

While the full extent of the JP HM Plan is not included in the NDRC proposal, the projects included are critical components of larger initiatives planned to increase Jefferson Parish's resilience and will serve as the road map to future resilient activities throughout the parish.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maggie Olivier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maggie Olivier, CFM
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