



Progress Report—BC Floodplain Maps Action Plan

March 2016

In March 2013, with financial support from the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia, the British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) hosted a workshop in Vancouver, to examine the state of floodplain maps in BC. The Floodplain Maps Action Plan was the key output of the workshop, and this report summarizes progress made since December 2015.

The complete Floodplain Maps Action Plan and previous progress reports are available online at: www.bcrea.bc.ca/government-relations/flood-protection.

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| Technical | <p>1. Monitor provincial and federal responses to the Public Safety Canada National Floodplain Mapping Assessment, and implementation of the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP).</p> <p><u>Status:</u></p> <p>National Floodplain Mapping Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A technical working group continues to work on national floodplain mapping guidelines, to be published in 2016. <p>National Disaster Mitigation Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding decisions for the first intake seem to have been made, but have not yet been announced. The second intake is expected to begin in spring 2016. |
| Political | <p>6. Communicate the progress and outcomes of the Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy to enable opportunities to advance flood hazard mapping provincially.</p> <p><u>Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 of the Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy continues, and is expected to be completed in spring 2016. Planning for phase 2 is in its early stages. An overview of the initiative is available at: www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/water_flood.html. |
| Political | <p>7. Through a structured communications approach, engage key public and private organizations and associations to raise awareness among decision makers and stakeholders, and strengthen political support; e.g., facilitate opportunities to bring together municipalities for peer-to-peer discussions, host one or more sessions at local government conferences, develop a set of</p> |

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| | <p>visual tools to improve understanding about the importance of floodplain mapping / flood hazard management, and to support the allocation of the necessary resources.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> Two provincial government consultations are currently underway that relate to flood management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BC Government is reviewing the <i>Emergency Program Act</i>, and the deadline for feedback was April 22, 2016: http://engage.gov.bc.ca/emergencyprogramact • Consultation on the provincial Climate Leadership Plan continues, with a March 25 deadline for input: http://engage.gov.bc.ca/climateleadership <p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar. 9 – Flood resilience: the case for a national flood program (webinar): https://bcwwa.org/component/bcwwa/?task=eventregister&event=4002&Itemid=3 • Apr. 12-14, 2016 – Adaptation Canada 2016 (Ottawa): www.adaptationcanada2016.ca |