

THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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Introduction

San Diego is one of the most rapidly growing areas in the United States. With virtually all the major rivers and streams in a natural (unchannelized) condition, a good flood plain management system is essential to prevent extensive construction of houses and other structures in floodway areas. The need for flood plain management was recognized more than 20 years ago. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) provided the initial basis for flood plain management through their publication "San Diego County Flood Hazard Investigation, Bulletin 112, 1964" and related flood plain maps.

Several major private projects used Bulletin 112 as a basis for constructing golf courses in flood plains adjoining club houses, homes and other structures elevated above the 100-year flood level. Examples include: Carleton Hills Country Club on the San Diego River, Whispering Palms Country Club in the San Dieguito River and Pauma Valley Country Club in the San Luis Rey River.

San Diego County Flood Plain Program

In 1970, the County Board of Supervisors initiated a Flood Plain Mapping and Management Program which now includes the following elements.