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**Subject:** Register now: Free Flood Insurance Stakeholder Workshop for Central Texas

Flood risks are changing in central Texas. Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) have been released for **Caldwell, Guadalupe, and Hays counties** and identify areas where the flood risk has both increased and decreased. New flood maps for Gonzales County became effective in January 2020 and flood maps for **Bandera, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, and portions of Travis and Bexar Counties** will go effective in May and June 2020. To help better understand those changes, FEMA is hosting a 2-hour webinar on how map changes affect building and flood insurance requirements and insurance options.

**Flood Insurance Stakeholder Workshop**

With the issuance of new flood maps, FEMA is sponsoring two Flood Insurance Workshops for industry professionals where you will:

* Hear about the mapping projects and better understand where the changes are occurring on the new flood maps;
* Learn about the potential impacts on flood insurance and building requirements;
* Hear more about the National Flood Insurance Program’s available insurance rating options;
* Review recent related changes to the National Flood Insurance Program; and
* Walk away with online tools and resources to assist you.

This information is valuable to insurance agents, real estate professionals, lenders, builders, and surveyors living and/or working in **Caldwell, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays, Bandera, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, Travis and Bexar** counties.

**There is no charge** for these workshops, and we encourage you to share this information with other flood **insurance agents, lenders, surveyors, and builders**. Space is limited for this online workshop, so it is important that you register as soon as possible. **Two hours of Continuing Education Credits (CECs)** are being offered for **insurance agents and Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs).**

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR REALTORS:** Two 2-hour CEC webinars will be presented specifically for realtors the week of May 26. [SABOR](https://realestate.sabor.com/) and [ABoR](https://www.abor.com/) are each sponsoring one; please reach out to them for registration dates and times.

Dates, times, and registration links for the two Flood Insurance Stakeholder Workshops are listed below. The materials presented at the two workshops are the same; select the workshop of your choice and click the link to register. Access to the online workshop will be available ½ hour before the workshop begins to allow you to test and ensure you are able to connect. The minimum computer requirements will be provided when you register.

* **Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 10-12:** [**REGISTER HERE**](https://ogilvy.zoom.us/webinar/register/7815881767996/WN_1oEF6gsJRbOq_GGn-kQcjg)
* **Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 10-12:** [**REGISTER HERE**](https://ogilvy.zoom.us/webinar/register/3015881780281/WN_pRpJjggNRs-PjdkLpoOJOw)

Your clients will view you as an important resource to accurately explain their changing flood risks. Plan to attend one of these important workshops to become better prepared when your clients call.

Please plan to join us.

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