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## See the New FEMA Flood Maps And Get Your Questions Answered

The Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (COG), on behalf of its member jurisdictions, will host a public meeting to give Cowlitz County residents a look at the new Preliminary FEMA flood maps and the changes they incorporate.

**Monday, April 9**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Cowlitz Regional Conference Center**  
**1900 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Longview**

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) staff will give a short presentation at 6:00 p.m. and staff from FEMA, COG, WA Department of Ecology (DOE), Cowlitz County and the cities within Cowlitz County will be available to answer your questions in an Open House format.

The updated maps are still considered preliminary until formally adopted by the county and cities. Residents attending the meeting can learn more about the changes incorporated in the new maps; how the changes will affect flood insurance requirements and building regulations; and the processes for comments and appeals. Proposed changes to the flood hazard areas mean some property owners may be required to carry flood insurance in the future, while others who currently carry insurance may no longer be required to do so.

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*For more information on the new digital flood insurance rate maps (DFIRMs) and to view copies of preliminary maps, please visit [www.cwco.org](http://www.cwco.org)*

*For meeting information or accommodations for persons with disabilities, please contact TJ Keiran at (360) 577-3041.*