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MEMO OF THE WEEK

APRIL 18, 1988

TO: Honorable Mayor & City Council
FROM: Melvin K. Davis, City Manager
SUBJECT: "Floodway" Designation

I understand from a press call that "The Friends of the Laguna" are concerned that the City staff has failed to report to the City Council, the fact that FEMA/US Corps of Engineers are doing a study and propose to designate everything below the 75' elevation as a Federal Floodway (and the Federal restrictions are more strict than the proposed in the pending Laguna Study.)

That's correct.
We've had one meeting with the Federal representatives (alho we have nothing in writing from them yet).

I informed Mrs. Suzanne Nelson last week that in my opinion, the proposed Federal action is a separate issue, to be taken to the City Council after the City Council resolves what is to be done with the Study and its recommendations.

The City Council has over 6 months to respond to the proposed Federal "Floodway" designation, whereas, the Laguna Study is with us now.

My point of view, is, one issue at a time.
There hasn't even been any meeting or notice with property owners on the new Floodway designation, nor do I have much information as to what it all entails or what to tell property owners.