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# Wharf, Boardwalk would stand up to 100-year flood, says federal study

*Flood Prevention and Control*

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SANTA CRUZ — City Planning Director Peter Katzlberger is satisfied with a recent federal study of flood potential at the wharf and Boardwalk from high tides or wave-battering storms.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency study determined the elevation of the Municipal Wharf and Boardwalk sea wall will protect properties from a 100-year tidal flood, Katzlberger reported.

The results of the study determine federal flood-insurance requirements on properties under the terms of the National Flood Insurance Act.

Based on a Planning Department staff review of the study, Katzlberger said there would be

"very little, if any adverse effect" in terms of stiffer federal flood-protection requirements for the wharf and Boardwalk properties.

The Ideal Fish Restaurant, located on the beach at the foot of the wharf, is the only property which could potentially face stiffer requirements. But Katzlberger added the property would be minimally affected, because it is unlikely the restaurant would be expanding.

Recently updated federal requirements require new construction or remodeling on properties in low-lying areas to be built above federally designated flood levels. The city must meet the requirements to be eligible for federal disaster assistance.

The city has the option to appeal

the findings of the study, but Katzlberger said his staff has no plans to appeal the findings of the study, unless otherwise directed by the City Council.