

**FEMA UPDATE, 11/21/07:**

**Southern Arizona delegation making progress with FEMA**

Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords has taken the lead in working with Pima County, Marana and Oro Valley officials to seek relief from FEMA due to the significant impact this mandate could have on economic development and housing affordability in Southern Arizona. Congresswoman Giffords introduced House Bill 4050 (HR 4050) Levee-Like Structure Consideration Act of 2007 which would address this issue and bring relief to the areas impacted by this mandate. That legislation has passed through the House Committee on Financial Services and is expected to be heard on the House floor any day. At press time, Congresswoman Giffords, Senator Kyl and other Congressional members and staff had met with FEMA and appear to be making progress with FEMA officials on an administrative resolution which should withdraw the draft maps and extend the time to complete the hydrologic studies in Marana. Go to [\(link on website\)](#) for back ground on this issue and the most up to date information.