

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for the California Department of Water Resources, Fresno County, CA. Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance Grant Program (PA).

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice for DR-4683-CA was published September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. EO 11988 and EO 11990 requires FEMA to consider alternatives and provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA has determined the only practicable alternative is to fund the in-kind road and embankment repairs. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the "A" flood Zone. Portions of the proposed work will take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

**Applicant: California Department of Water Resources**

**Project Title: PW 01142 PN 721424 SWP-SLFD-Arroyo Pasajero Road Damages**

**Location of Proposed Work and Floodplain Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels:**

| Facility                          | GPS   | FIRM Panels                    | FIRM Date |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Arroyo Pasajero Channel Road      | (36.22664, -120.11739;<br>36.23306, -120.08114) | 06019C3255H                    | 2/18/2009 |
| Arroyo Pasajero Flood Basin Roads | 36.24894, -120.08373;<br>36.18365, -120.04985   | 06019C3255H and<br>06019C3275H | 2/18/2009 |

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** Due to the storms, high velocity flooding and heavy rains washed the gravel roads away and scoured the embankment. The proposed repairs are to repair

the Arroyo Pasajero Channel Road and Arroyo Pasajero Flood Basin Road and embankment in-kind and back to pre-disaster condition. The purpose of these roadways is to provide access to the agency's facilities.

**Project Alternatives:**

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in degradation of roads. Repairs are necessary to ensure that the road remains operational in its current location to perform its designed function. If the damage is not repaired, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur and continued negative impacts may be experienced.
- (2) *(Repair with Minimization)* Minimization measures were not practicable due to associated increased costs and time.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as it is a road and is part of a larger network system.

**Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA Public Assistance program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 9, 1111 Broadway #1200, Oakland, CA 94607, or by emailing FEMA-RIX-EHP-Documents@fema.dhs.gov . Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "PW01142 PN 721424 SWP-SLFD-Arroyo Pasajero Road Damages" at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

**THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING.**

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 26th DAY OF January 2024

**\*\*\*END OF NOTICE\*\*\***