

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Monterey County, Monterey 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 repair and replacement of the Gonzales Slough pump and motor. 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 AE flood zone. The proposed work will not 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: Monterey County**

**Project Title: PW-00847; GM-720633; WRA. Gonzales Slough**

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Site 1A	36.532190, - 121.488645	06053C0425H	11/30/2023

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** Severe storms caused surface flooding to overtop the retention pond embankment. Debris was deposited in the pond with excessive water, damaging the pump and motor. Repairs include removing and replacing one 30 HP vertical turbine and pump and motor. Repairs will be in kind within the existing footprint. The purpose of repairs is to restore the facility back to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity.

**Project Alternatives:**

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in additional surface flooding; there would be a risk of additional damages since the pump and motor broke due to debris clogging them. The adjacent retention pond would sustain damage in potential future storms if the pump and motor are not functional. 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 increased costs and time.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the facility is functionally dependent and cannot be relocated.

**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](mailto:FEMA-RIX-EHP-Documents@fema.dhs.gov) . Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "PW-00847; GM-720633; WRA Gonzales Slough" 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 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March 2024**

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