

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, 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 replacement (solar-powered gauge flow) and the removal and replacement of a steel sheet pile flood wall with 6 in cap, repairing the facilities back to pre-disaster condition and function. 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 Regulatory AE Floodway. 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 00973; PN 720637; WRA.San Lorenzo Creek

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Solar-powered Flow Gauge	36.208886, - 121.118683	06053C1103G	4/2/2009
Steel Sheet-pile Flood Wall	36.208720, - 121.118885	06053C1103G	4/2/2009

Proposed Work and Purpose: Continuous rainfall led to surface flooding and debris flow along the San Lorenzo Creek, overflowing its banks. This caused the original Solar-powered gauge

flow to be washed away by having its affiliated mounting pole to be knocked down. Monterey County utilized contracts to relocate and replace in-kind the Solar-powered gauge flow by mounting it to the First Street Bridge, 300 yards away from original location. The Steel sheet-pile floodwall also sustained damage, holes in the bottom of the sheet piles allowed flood water to penetrate the wall. Monterey County will utilize contracts to remove and replace 38 LF length x 5 FT height steel sheet pile flood wall with 6 in cap.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in a continued disruption of services and risk of additional damages. If the damage is not repaired, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur and continued negative impacts may be experienced.
- (2) *(Repair in-kind)* Repairs made in kind may result in similar damages from future flood events.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as it would cause negative impact the community (flood wall), allowing for water intrusion, and disruption of recording water flow of the adjacent creek.

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 "PW 00973; PN 720637; WRA.San Lorenzo Creek" at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING.

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 5th DAY OF March 2024

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