

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for the California Department of Water Resources, Yolo 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 on 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. 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 construction of a temporary cofferdam and use of riprap. 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: California Department of Water Resources**

**Project Title: PW 04898; GM PN 748319; SWP-DISE-Big Notch Project Cofferdam Emergency Protective Measures – 75% Cost share**

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

<b>Facility</b>	<b>GPS</b>	<b>FIRM Panels</b>	<b>FIRM Date</b>
Big Notch Project Cofferdam	38.764750, -121.636342	06113C0320G	6/18/2010

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** The California Department of Water Resources constructed a temporary higher cofferdam composed of 17,000 tons riprap and gravel around the construction site and its existing cofferdam. In addition, the CA Department of Water Resources pumped out floodwaters around the construction site after cofferdam extension was built in order to mitigate further erosion and water overtopping. Cofferdam riprap was later removed and incorporated into the base Transport Channel as erosion armoring (located at 38.764192, -121.636666) and at the foundations of the Pedestrian Bridge (located at 38.759227, -121.635928). The CA Department of Water Resources additionally conducted repairs to potholes throughout

approximately 4 miles of CR-117 sustained by the hauling of rip rap to the repair site. The CA Department of Water Resources placed and compacted 8,900 Tons of Class II Aggregate Base gravel (38.748875, -121.597720 through 38.704445, -121.623496). There was no new ground disturbance and work was done within the applicant's right-of-way to return the site to its pre-disaster function and state and prevent loss of property.

**Project Alternatives:**

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in a 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 with Minimization)* Minimization measures were not practicable due to the emergency nature of the damages and necessity for immediate repairs to prevent further damages from occurring to improved property.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the facility is functionally dependent.

**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 “**SWP-DISE-Big Notch Project Cofferdam Emergency Protective Measures – 75% Cost share**” 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 6th DAY OF March 2025

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