

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for CA 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 insert DR-4683-CA was published September 11th, 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 of repairs to various sections of multiple roadways with additional riprap. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. There is a potential for the structures to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the insert Flood Zone AE 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: CA Department of Water Resources

Project Title: 3833 (PW); GM 722351; SWP-SLFD-Levee Road Damages

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
CA Department of Water Resources Site 1	Start: 36.44319, -120.30239; End: 36.44569, -120.30177	06019C2800H	02/18/2009
CA Department of Water Resources Site 2	Start: 36.21599, -120.06792; End: 36.21088, -120.06792	06019C3255H	02/18/2009
CA Department of Water Resources Site 3	Start: 36.24787, -120.10342; End: 36.24897, -120.08387	06019C3255H	02/18/2009

Proposed Work and Purpose: High intensity runoff and overflow from adjacent water sources damaged access roads for levees and aqueducts in Fresno County. The CA Department of Water Resources will use force account labor and/or contracts to make repairs to various sections of multiple roadways within their jurisdiction. Mitigation will be achieved by adding rip rap and filter rock to embankments at all three sites to help protect them from erosion.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in a continued disruption of road access 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 facilities is not a practicable alternative as access roads are needed for levee and aqueduct access.

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 "SWP-SLFD-Levee 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 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING.

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON _____ DAY OF _____ 2025

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