

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles 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 09/11/2023. 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 repairs to the embankment and berm surrounding the Foothill Water Feeder Pipeline back to pre-disaster condition within the existing footprint. 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 Zone AE Floodway. 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: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Project Title: DR4683-CA PW 452 PN 710489; Metro Water Erosion along Foothill Feeder Line

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Embankment & Berm	Start: 34.37722, -118.51944 End: 34.37611, -118.51889	06037C0819G	6/2/2021
Excavation needed	Start: 34.37623, -118.51908 End: 34.37728, -118.51979	06037C0819G	6/2/2021
Access point	34.37517, -118.51822	06037C0819G	6/2/2021
Equipment staging	34.37443, -118.51813	06037C0819G	6/2/2021

Proposed Work and Purpose: During the incident period the Newhill Creek had high discharge that caused wash out damages to the embankment and berm surrounding the Foothill Water Feeder pipeline. The applicant will use contracts or force account to repair in kind back to pre disaster condition, with no mitigation. The repair will consist of using 2,308 CY of unclassified fill material, jute mat geotextile fabric and coir log fiber mats. All items are preexisting items of the embankment. There is no other practicable alternative for this repair since it is functionally dependent to fulfill its purpose of protecting the pipeline and surrounding communities.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in risk of additional damages to the embankment and pipeline. If the damage is not repaired, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur and continued negative impacts may be experienced.
- *(Repair with Minimization)* Minimization measures were not practicable due to not being cost effective.
- (2) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the facility is functionally dependent on being in the floodplain to protect surrounding communities and the pipeline.

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 “DR4683-CA PW 452 PN 710489; Metro Water Erosion along Foothill Feeder Line” 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 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024

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