

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Mariposa Public Utility District, Mariposa 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 repair of a utility access road. 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 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: Mariposa Public Utility District

Project Title: PW 935; GM 715330; Erosion, Sewer Main Easement

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Access Road Site 1	37.488408, - 119.973067	06043C0751C	9/25/2009
Access Road Site 2	37.488598, - 119.973220	06043C0751C	9/25/2009
Access Road Site 3	37.488719, - 119.973454 to	06043C0751C	9/25/2009

	37.489059, - 119.974037		
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Proposed Work and Purpose:

Severe storms caused flooding throughout the Mariposa Public Utility District, resulting in washout around the water and wastewater treatment plant and associated access roads. This washout included an embankment (37.488408, -119.973067) 36 FT long x 12 FT wide x 5 FT deep with 80 CY of native soil, and two areas of ground surface (37.488598, -119.973220; 37.488719, -119.973454 to 37.489059, -119.974037), the first 87 FT long x 12 FT wide x 2 FT deep with 77 CY of native soil and the second 210 FT long x 12 FT wide x 2 FT deep with 187 CY of native soil. The Applicant will utilize force account labor and contracts to replace the embankment and ground surface in kind, within the previously existing footprint, using approved fill sources. Hazard mitigation is not included in this project. These repairs will restore use of the access road and ensure continued service. Minimization or alternatives are not practicable as the access road must follow the utility corridor.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in a continued disruption of utility services. 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 as any change to the road structure would necessitate a complete rebuild of the whole length of roadway, including sections out of the floodway and areas not impacted by the disaster event.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the location of the facility is tied to the utility corridor, which is pre-existing.

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 935; GM 715330; Erosion, Sewer Main Easement" 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.

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NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 7th DAY OF October 2024

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