

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento 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. 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 removal of accumulated sediment from drainage basins, culverts and other water utilities as well as to make necessary repairs to the water utilities and their connected access roads. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. There is a potential for the facilities to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within Flood Zone D. 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: California Department of Water Resources
Project Title: PW 04658; GM 736354; SWP-SLFD-Los Banos Dam Area
Sediment

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

| Facility | GPS | FIRM Panels | FIRM Date |
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| SLFD - Canyon Road Crossing | 37.00378, -120.90985 | 06047C1025G | 12/2/2008 |
| SLFD - Los Banos Dam Access Road Culvert | 37.00322, -120.91157 | 06047C1025G | 12/2/2008 |

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| Los Banos Dam Spillway | 36.99330, -120.93031 to 36.99382, -120.92809 | 06047C1025G | 12/2/2008 |
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Proposed Work and Purpose: Excessive runoff caused by severe rainfall and storm conditions lead to the overloading of various water control utilities for the Los Banos Dam Area. The applicant plans to use force account labor to removed accumulated sediment from drainage basins, culverts and other water utilities as well as to make necessary repairs to the utilities and their connected access roads. These repairs will be in-kind and within the previously damaged footprint.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in risk of additional damages to water control utilities. 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 nature of the repairs needed.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the dam area is functionally dependent on its current location.

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 04658; GM 736354; SWP-SLFD-Los Banos Dam Area Sediment*” 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

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