

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for California 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 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 removal of sediment in the Little Panoche Detention Dam & Spillway to restore (this facility to its pre-disaster design, function and capacity (in-kind) 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 A Zone. 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 01431; GM 722344; SWP-SLFD-Little Panoche Detention Dam & Spillway

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Drainage basin 1A	Start 36.78390, -120.79519; End 36.78442, -120.79447.	06019C1375H	02/18/2009
Drainage Basin 1B	Start 36.78455, -120.79433 End 36.78507, -120.79355.	06019C1375H	02/18/2009
Drainage Basin 2	Start 36.784461,-120.789321 End 36.78491, -120.78896	06019C1375H	02/18/2009

Proposed Work and Purpose: From December 27, 2022, through January 31, 2023, due to severe winter storms, flooding, and the high-water flows to the California Department of Water Resources, several erosions occurred to Little Panoche Detention Dam & Spillway and left sediment accumulated in Drainage Basins 1A,1B, & 2. The applicant will utilize force account and/or contracts for repairs to the SWP-SLFD-Little Panoche Detention Dam & Spillway to restore (this facility to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity (in-kind) within the existing footprint.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in increase chance of flooding down stream. 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 Applicant chusing not to use Mitigation and did repairs to pre disaster conditions.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as these facilities are functionally dependent on remaining within the floodplain to perform their purpose.

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 01431; GM 722344; SWP-SLFD-Little Panoche Detention Dam & Spillway " 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 _____ 2024

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