

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Riverside 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-4750-CA was published December 27, 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 embankment repairment at Mission Creek Channel utilizing the sediment removed from the Tahquitz Dam basin. 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 a Zone A and Zone AO. The proposed work took place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and had little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

**Applicant: Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District**

**Project Title: PW 00039; PN 746203; District's Tahquitz Dam Facility**

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Tahquitz Dam Facility	33.81146, -116.55186	06065C1566G	08/28/2008
Mission Creek Channel	Start: 33.928131, - 116.524211 End: 33.936317, - 116.525300	06065C0895G	08/28/2008

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** Severe storms caused flood and wind-blown debris to deposit at the basin of Tahquitz Dam Facility. Applicant utilized force account labor, equipment, and contracts to restore Tahquitz Dam Facility. Repairs were in-kind back to pre-disaster design, function, and capacity. All work was completed within applicant's Rights-of-Way (ROW) and

within the pre-existing footprint. Approximately, 15,000 cubic yards of sediment was removed from the dam basin utilizing equipment such as a tilt deck trailer, excavator, loader, skidsteer, dozer, dump truck, and water truck. All equipment was staged along the existing maintained roads composed of aggregate base. No additional access roads or entrances were constructed. The excavated material was hauled to another district facility at Mission Creek Channel (33.9264, -116.5236) and utilized to restore the channel embankments. Hazard mitigation is not being pursued.

**Project Alternatives:**

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in 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 with Minimization)* Minimization measures were not practicable due to the cost-effective measure of utilizing displaced sediment and repairing the embankment back to its pre-disaster condition.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain and Wetland avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the channel embankment is dependent to the riverine.

**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](mailto:FEMA-RIX-EHP-Documents@fema.dhs.gov) . Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "PW 00039; PN 746203; District's Tahquitz Dam Facility" at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

**THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING.**

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July 2024



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