

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Casitas Municipal Water District, Ventura 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 installation of the Matilija Conduit Temporary Emergency Pipeline Bypass. 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 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: Casitas Municipal Water District

Project Title: PW 02132; GM 724219; Emergency Protective Measure

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Matilija Conduit Temporary Emergency Pipeline Bypass	34.471254, -119.290848 to 34.467293, -119.291242	0611C0556F, 0611C0558F	1/29/2021

Proposed Work and Purpose: Severe storms caused damaged to the Matilija Conduit water main line. The applicant installed a temporary above-ground water main line. Repairs were to provide continued water utility service to the community.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would have resulted in continued disruption of water services. If the services had not been restored, then adverse economic and social impacts may have occurred and continued negative impacts may have been experienced.
- (2) *(Repair in-kind)* Repairs made in kind were not practicable to quickly restore the essential water services. This is a temporary repair.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as it is dependent on its location to provide water services for the community.

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 02132; GM 724219; Emergency Protective Measure*" 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 21st DAY OF November 2024

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