

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Santa Clara 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 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. 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 culvert and road repair. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. There is a potential for the structures to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the Unmapped "D" Flood 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: Santa Clara County

Project Titles:

PW 001093; PN 716586; Santa Clara County - Mines Road Culvert 1

PW 00807; PN 716587; Santa Clara County - Mines Road Culvert 2

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Mines Road Culvert 1	37.466909, - 121.520126	06085C0150H	05/18/2009
Mines Road Culvert 2	37.47381, - 121.52514	06085C0150H	05/18/2009

PW 001093; PN 716586; Santa Clara County - Mines Road Culvert 1 Proposed Work and Purpose:

Fast flowing floodwaters lodged debris in the culvert, eventually destroying the corrugated metal pipe and affiliated roadway. The damaged facilities (road and culvert) were and will be repaired in-kind. Additionally, riprap was replaced on the upstream and downstream ends of the culvert to improve resiliency. The purpose of the repairs was to restore the damaged facility back to pre-disaster function and capacity.

PW 00807; PN 716587; Santa Clara County - Mines Road Culvert 2 Proposed Work and Purpose: Fast-flowing surface flood waters and debris clogged a 60-in in diameter by 40-ft. long corrugated metal pipe (CMP). It damaged a 15-ft. long by 2-ft. wide by 4-ft. high downstream headwall, and a 10-ft. long by 2-ft. wide by 4-ft. high headwall. Additionally, the asphalt road surface of Mines Road was damaged. The applicant plans to use force account labor (FAL) and contract services to restore the facility back to pre-disaster condition with like materials.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in further degradation and damage to the facility which could disrupt 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 due to costs. Both culverts are part of a larger system, and any changes could affect the system as a whole. It is not cost effective to minimize the entire system.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the culvert is functionally dependent on the roadway which is part of a larger network system.

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 001093; PN 716586; Santa Clara County - Mines Road Culvert 1” or “PW 00807; PN 716587; Santa Clara County - Mines Road Culvert 2” 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 11th DAY OF March 2024

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