

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-4699-CA was published November 1, 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 repair to Weller Road culvert. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. There is a potential for the road and culvert system to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the 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: Santa Clara County

Project Title: EMIS Number 00309; GM Project Number 726135; Santa Clara County - Wellers Road - Culvert

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Wellers Road- Culvert	(37.47221, - 121.84881)	06085C0080H	5/18/2009

Proposed Work and Purpose: Heavy rainwater filled a ditch that then overcame a culvert on Weller Road as it was filled with sediment. The stacked concrete bag wing wall was washed away as well as the soil backfill behind it. The asphalt roadway was also undercut. Santa Clara County will clean out the culvert sediment and rebuild the road and stacked concrete bag wing wall using current Codes & Standards and back to their original function and capacity in the same footprint. Repairs are to restore the road for public use.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in further degradation to the stacked concrete bag wing wall and Weller Road. Repairs are necessary to ensure that the road remains operation in its current location to perform its designed function. If the damage is not repaired, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur and continued negative impacts may be experienced.
- (2) *(Repair in-kind)* Repairs made in kind may result in similar damages from future flood events.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the road is not a practicable alternative as it would require rerouting the roadway, potentially altering public access to certain properties, and disproportionately affecting property owners as land is seized for the construction of the new route.

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 “*EMIS Number 00309; GM Project Number 726135; Santa Clara County - Wellers Road - Culvert*” 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 March 2024

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