

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Santa Cruz County Sanitation District, Santa Cruz 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<sup>th</sup> 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 installation of riprap in front of the existing retaining wall to protect the integrity of the A-1 Sewage pump house. 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 VE Zone. The proposed work will not 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 Cruz County Sanitation District**

**Project Title: PW00744; GM 727174; Riprap installation to protect A-1 Pump House**

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
A-1 Pump House	(36.973989, -121.918093)	06087C0356F	09/29/2017

## **Proposed Work and Purpose:**

CAT B, Work 100% Completed, Santa Cruz County Sanitation District, Total Cost - \$109,925.08

Due to rising stormwater runoff the A-1 Sewage Pump House in the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District was in danger of being overcome by wave actions, so the Applicant placed 313.49 tons of clean riprap in front of the existing retaining wall to protect the integrity of the infrastructure. The work area

was located at: (36.973989, -121.918093), work was performed in or within 200 feet of a waterway and/or body of water and work was performed on a beach or coastal facility.

The applicant plans to remove the riprap by May 2024 or extend the removal date further into the future. Clean fill (rock) came from Hidden Canyon Quarry located at 38755 Metz Rd, Soledad, CA 93960 (36.355433, -121.209524). Any equipment involved in the project was staged on a paved surface at (36.97399, -121.91809).

### **Project Alternatives:**

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in risk of further damage to the pump house. 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)* Repairs made in kind may result in similar damages from future flood events.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as it is a sewage pump that is necessary for the area.

**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 "PW00744; GM 727174; Riprap installation to protect A-1 Pump House" 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 THE 29th DAY OF February. 2024**

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