

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Cawelo Water District, Kern 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 repairs and mitigation to the Famoso Recharge Facility. 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 AE, AE Floodway 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: Cawelo Water District**

**Project Title: EMIS Number 00276; GM Project 723215; Pump Station/Conduit Vault/Fencing**

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

<b>Facility</b>	<b>GPS</b>	<b>FIRM Panels</b>	<b>FIRM Date</b>
Pump Station E & F	35.59395, -119.18680	06029C1281E	9/26/2008
Conduit F Vault Valve(s)	35.593280, -119.186740 35.593547, -119.187489	06029C1283E	9/26/2008
Conduit E Vault Energy Dissipater Valve	35.594739, -119.186989 35.594733, -119.187077	06029C1281E	9/26/2008
Conduit E Meter Vault:	35.59443, -119.18675	06029C1281E	9/26/2008

Conduit F Meter Vault	35.59395, -119.18680	06029C1283E	9/26/2008
Fence, site 1	35.593804, -119.186642 to 35.589057, -119.186722	06029C1281E 06029C1283E	9/26/2008
Fence, site 2	35.588670, -119.186750 to 35.587575, -119.186907	06029C1283E	9/26/2008
Fence, site 3	35.587575, -119.186907 to 35.587580, -119.192207	06029C1283E 06029C1279E	9/26/2008

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** The facilities were damaged by flooding. The facilities will be restored to pre-disaster function and capacity. Sediment deposited in vaults will be removed, damaged equipment replaced, and fences replaced. The perimeter wall will be constructed at the Pump Station to prevent future similar flood damage.

**Project Alternatives:**

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in a continued disruption of services. If the damage is not repaired service not restored, 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 facilities is not a practicable alternative as the facilities are a functionally dependent component of a larger irrigation 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](mailto:FEMA-RIX-EHP-Documents@fema.dhs.gov) . Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line “*EMIS Number 00276; GM Project 723215; Pump Station/Conduit Vault/Fencing*” at the above address within 30 days of the date of this notice.

**THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 30<sup>th</sup> DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING.**

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2024

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