

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Montecito Sanitary District, 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 9/11/2023. 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 embankment repairs and reinforcement with riprap to protect sewage system. 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 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: Montecito Sanitary District

Project Title: PW 853; GM 711212; Damages to 2 MHS, 8-in Sewer, and 2-in FM

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
San Ysidro Creek – Line Break Repair	34.43259, -119.62166	06083C1411H	9/28/2018
Manhole 616-4D	34.43302, -119.64356	06083C1392H	9/28/2018
Manhole 638-4C	34.42575, -119.63817	06083C1392H	9/28/2018
Montecito Creek – 2-inch Force Main	34.44610, -119.64750	06083C1384G	9/28/2018

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The Montecito Sanitary District will utilize contracts and force account labor, material, and equipment to repair damaged sewage system facilities on three embankments by adding native soil: 1) 663.7 CY at Ysidro Creek (34.43259, -119.62166), 2) 333.33 CY at Manhole 616-4D (34.43302, -119.64356), and 3) 58.67 CY at Montecito Creek (34.44610, -119.64750), and one retaining wall by installing 58.67 CY grouted cobbles at Manhole 638-4C (34.42575, -119.63817). They also plan to add a mitigation proposal to reconstruct the existing slope and protect the main sewer lines with additional 1,289.71 CY angular boulders (riprap) for the total four sites.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in the sewage system will be in danger of failing. If the damaged embankment is not repair, 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 facility is not a practicable alternative as a it is cost prohibitive to reroute the sewage system in a developed urban area and potentially adversely impact social and economical resources 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 853; GM 711212; Damages to 2 MHs, 8-in Sewer, and 2-in FM**” 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 17th DAY OF September 2024

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