

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for the City of Santa Cruz, 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 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 the repairs to the beach berm. 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 and VE Flood 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: City of Santa Cruz

Project Title: PW 00995; PN 713004; Main Beach Berm Damage

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Beach Berm	36.965110, -122.0131050 to 36.964440, -122.013739	06087C0334F	9/29/2017

Proposed Work and Purpose: As a result of the storms, the City of Santa Cruz encountered significant high waters and severe flooding washing out the sand berm. To bring the beach berm back to pre-disaster condition, repairs will be made by replacing 13,500 CY of natural sand. The purpose of the repairs is to restore use and services to the community. The berm's primary purpose is to prevent river meandering and helps disrupt wave action. The berm is also essential to the location as it provides an access road for emergency vehicles used by lifeguards, police, and other emergency responders.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in deterioration of this functionally dependent facility, which would 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 no financially viable options available.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the berm is used for erosion control, water management, and access for emergency services.

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 00995; PN 713004; Main Beach Berm Damage” 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 23rd DAY OF October 2024

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