

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for United Water Conservation District, Ventura 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, 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 Flood Zone D. FEMA has determined the only practicable alternative is to fund the replacement of Fish Studies Passage Equipment (Rotary Screw Trap Site, Fyke Trap Site, Lower PIT Antenna Array, and replace the Upper PIT Antenna Array). 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 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: United Water Conservation District

Project Title: PW 01546; GM 728559; Fish Studies Passage Equipment

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Rotary Screw Trap	34.52096, - 118.75712	06111C0500E	1/20/2010
Fyke Trap Site	34.52245, - 118.75709	06111C0500E	1/20/2010
Lower PIT Array	34.52353, - 118.75698	06111C0500E	1/20/2010

Upper PIT Array	34.53679, - 118.75953	06111C0500E	1/20/2010
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Proposed Work and Purpose: A severe storm caused extreme flows at Piru Creek resulting in significant flooding and scouring. The United Water Conservation District utilized contracts for the repairs to the Fish Studies Passage Equipment to restore the facility back to pre-disaster design, function, use, and capacity. Repairs include replacing the Rotary Screw Trap Site, Fyke Trap Site, Lower PIT Antenna Array, and Upper PIT Antenna Array. Work was completed within the right of way, and with in-kind repairs. Trap and PIT antenna installation sites were chosen to be located 500' away from previously documented least Bell's vireo nesting sites and 250' from dense riparian vegetation to the extent possible. No heavy equipment was utilized, only hand tools were implemented. Work was conducted within water via reinstallation activities.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in future flooding, rendering the Fish Studies Passage Equipment unusable with the potential to wash away again and causing a complete loss of facility function. Failure to repair the damage or restore service could result in significant economic and social impacts, with ongoing negative consequences.
- (2) *(Repair with Minimization)* Minimization measures were not practicable due to because new construction would modify the natural and beneficial values of the floodplain and wetlands.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility/structure is not a practicable alternative. Floodplain avoidance by relocating the Fish Studies Passage Equipment facility is not a practicable alternative as the facility was built to be used in Piru Creek for fish studies by United Water Conservation District.

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 01546; GM 728559; Fish Studies Passage Equipment" 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 _____ DAY OF _____ 2024

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