

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Laguna Irrigation District, Kings 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<sup>st</sup> of 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 levee repair and various utility replacements. 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 A, AE, and X zones. 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: Laguna Irrigation District**

**Project Title: PW00044, PN724130, Basin 11 and Summit Lake Canal Headworks Project**

**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>
Summit Lake Headworks	36.384539, - 119.876564	06031C0020D	9/16/2015
Basin 11	36.462618, - 119.750115	06019C2925J, 06019C2900J	1/20/2016

### **Proposed Work and Purpose:**

Severe and flooding caused substantial damage to Laguna Irrigation District's Summit Lake Headworks and Basin 11. Laguna Irrigation District utilized contracts for repairs to multiple sites along Summit Lake Canal Headworks and Basin 11 to restore these facilities to pre-disaster condition. Repairs consisted of replacing levee dirt and silt, replacing a metal control gate and metal walkway, replacing drainage system pipes, and removing and regrading drainage system dirt. All of the facilities restored are functionally dependent on remaining within the floodplain to perform their intended purpose, and restoration minimizes the impact of flooding on the community.

### **Project Alternatives:**

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in a continued disruption of services and/or risk of additional damages. 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 with Minimization)* Minimization measures were not practicable due to the necessity of the repaired facilities to remain in the floodplain in order to serve their function.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as there is not enough available space nor would it be cost effective to create a new basin or irrigation channels.

**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 **Basin 11 and Summit Lake Canal Headworks Project** 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 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024**

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