

# **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, 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 to the Island Weir Log Boom and Measuring Station. 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 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: Laguna Irrigation District**

**Project Title: PW 00162; GM724585; Island Weir Log Boom and Measuring Station 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>
Island Weir Log Boom	Start: 36.38654, -119.78753 End: 36.38675, -119.78657	06031C0045D	09/16/2015
Island Weir Measuring Station	Start: 36.38749, -119.79129 End: 36.38824, -119.79110	06031C0045D	09/16/2015

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** Flooding, debris, and high flow velocities resulted in break in the Log Boom cable, and loss of buoys and poles at the boom. One of the Measuring station A-frames was undermined and cable broken. The Log Boom cable, buoys, and poles will be replaced. The Measuring Station A-Frame, concrete foundation, steel cables, and anchor base will be replaced. A Hazard Mitigation Proposal has been included to make the foundation more robust by surrounding the foundation with sheet pilings, and the cables made more robust. The repairs will restore facility capacity and function within the existing footprint.

**Project Alternatives:**

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in risk of additional damages. If the damage is not repaired, 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 the Island Weir Log Boom and Measuring Station are a component of a larger functionally dependent 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 00162; GM Number 724585; Island Weir Log Boom and Measuring Station 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 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March 2024

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