The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for City of Watsonville, 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 09/11/2023. 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 repairs to the Brown Valley Intake Structure back to pre-disaster design with mitigation. 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 unshaded X. 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: City of Watsonville

Project Title: PW 332 PN 710218 Brown Valley Intake Structure

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

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Proposed Work and Purpose: Water overflowed the facility casing causing different damages. The overall damage of the facility affects the movement of fish on the fish ladder. Applicant will utilize contract and (or) force account for repairs to Browns Valley Intake Structure to restore this facility back to its pre-disaster design, and with mitigation. Mitigation consists of removing the damaged concrete weir embedded into the side rock and stream bed. This will avoid accumulation of debris in the intake structure that could damage it in future events. The repairs are needed to continue water supply operations.
Project Alternatives:

1. (No Action) This alternative would result in a continued disruption of services. 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 structure is not a practicable alternative as it is a pre-existing structure within the wetland, needed for water supply.

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 “Brown Valley Intake Structure” at the above address within 30 days of the date of this notice.

THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 30th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING.

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 15th DAY OF May 2024

***END OF NOTICE***