The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for City of Watsonville, Santa Cruz County. 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 on 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 the repairs of the Corralitos Intake Structure back to its original function with embedded mitigation. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. There is a potential for the structure to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the zone A. 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:** GM 710217 | PW 834 | Corralitos Intake Structure

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

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**Proposed Work and Purpose:** The Corralitos Intake Structure had excessive high velocity water flow that caused vegetative debris and dirt to wash downstream causing damages to the structure components. The City of Watsonville plans on using contracts for repairing back the facility back to pre-disaster function with mitigation. Repairs will consist of replacing fiberglass panel, boulders, concrete blocks, soil embankment and foundation fill, and fish resting pool retention walls. Hazard mitigation will consist of installing 7 soldier pile retaining walls (2 ft DIA x 6 ft L x 7 ft spacing), install reinforced 6 concrete lagging cast-in-place panels (7 ft L x 1 ft W
x 6 ft H), 2 locations with vegetative rock slope protection, one adjacent to the resting pond weir and one adjacent to the intake structure (40 ft L x 10 ft W x 4 ft D), and installing 2400 SF of engineered streambed material (80 ft L x 30 ft W x 3 ft D) at resting pond weirs. The repairs and mitigation are necessary to maintain the drinking water supply to the community and safe passage for endangered fish species.

**Project Alternatives:**

(1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in a continued disruption of water supply 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’s a previously existing structure which supply drinking water to surrounding communities.

**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 “Corralitos 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 _________________ DAY OF _____________ 2024

***END OF NOTICE***