

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Moss Landing Harbor District in Monterey County, CA. Pursuant to Executive Order 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).

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. - Executive Order (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).

Executive Orders 13985 and 14008 further address the need to achieve environmental justice and equity across the federal government. The issuance of the new executive orders more than 20 years after Executive Order 12898 was signed indicates the administration's directive to federal agencies to renew their energy, effort, resources and attention to environmental justice. FEMA is working with applicants/sub-applicants to identify communities with Environmental Justice concerns and provide an avenue for local groups and non-profits with an Environmental Justice mission to self-identify so that FEMA Programs can start to work with them on specific projects from the beginning of the application process.

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 removal of sediment and debris within the Special Flood Hazard Area to restore the harbor berths and channel back to pre-disaster design, capacity and function as it was prior to the event. 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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Applicant: Moss Landing Harbor District

Project Title: 721183 Harbor Channel (Debris Removal)

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

Site Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Moss Landing Harbor District	36.80147, -121.78693	06053C0066H

All Panels effective 06/21/2021. Sites are located within or adjacent to wetlands.

Proposed Work and Purpose: The storm event deposited sediment and debris in sections of the Moss Landing Harbor Channel which is causing shoaling of vessels in the channel and access to the berthing areas are difficult or unpassable at some tide levels depending on vessel draft requirements. The Applicant will utilize contracts to remove deposited sediment and debris to return the channel back to pre-disaster design, capacity and function within the existing footprint.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Relocation of facilities outside of the floodplain* – Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facilities is not a practicable alternative as the harbor channel and berths are functionally dependent on the location in the floodplain.
- (2) *No action alternative* – This alternative is not practicable as the action does not allow for safe passage of vessels and harbor operations. With the no action alternative would adversely impact social or economic resources for the community and continued negative impacts may be experienced.

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-EHP-DR4683CA@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "[721183] Harbor Channel (Debris Removal) 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

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