

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Los Angeles 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 September 11th, 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 applicant plans to utilize contract and (or) force account labor to restore Franklin Canyon Road back to its pre-disaster function, and to perform mitigation work on a section of the damage road. 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 Flood Zone D. 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: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority**

**Project Title: PW 00768; GM 714175; MRCA Franklin Canyon Road Damages**

## **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>
Site 1	34.12605, -118.41008	06037C1320F	09/26/2008
Site 3	34.11849, -118.41194	06037C1585F	09/26/2008

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** During the incident period 12/27/2022 through 1/31/2023, the applicant reported damages to their local access roads which served as access for residents

and emergency vehicles to the Franklin Canyon Park area. The flood water caused washouts to the embankments on the roads at several locations throughout the district. The Applicant plans to utilize contract and (or) force account labor to restore Franklin Canyon Road back to its pre-disaster function and capacity within the existing footprint. This involves removing and repairing the embankment and the pavement. Aggregate base course will also be installed. There will also be mitigation efforts which involves installing a gabion retaining wall, a 94 LF asphalt concrete dike, and 54 LF timber guardrails. Work at site 1 (34.12605, -118.41008) involves repairing the embankment, pavement, installing the aggregate base course, and mitigation work. Embankment work will only be done at site 3 (34.11849, -118.41194). (Note: no site 2 was provided). The center point of the gabion retaining wall is 34.12600053822367, -118.4100302331332 and it will go 24 feet below ground starting from the top of the asphalt road. The starting and ending GPS coordinates of the asphalt concrete dike are (34.12606, -118.41007) and the ending GPS coordinates are (34.12587, -118.40987). The starting GPS coordinates of the timber guardrail are (34.12605, -118.41005).

**Project Alternatives:**

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in a continued impairment of access for residents and emergency vehicles to the Franklin Canyon Park area. 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 in-kind or Repair with Minimization)* Repairs made in kind may result in similar damages from future flood events at site 1. Minimization measures were not practicable due to it not being currently needed at site 3.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the road is functionally dependent and cannot be relocated.

**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 "PW 00768; GM 714175; MRCA Franklin Canyon Road Damages" at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

**THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING.**

**NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024**

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