

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Ventura 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. 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 removal of accumulated sediment on the Gabbert Canyon Debris basin and placement of debris at stockpile. 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 X Zone and AE 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:** Ventura County Watershed Protection District

**Project Title:** PW 4907 PN 748483; Gabbert Canyon Debris Basin

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Gabbert Canyon Debris Basin	34.28722, -118.90977	06111C0816E	02/20/2010
Calleguas Creek Stockpile	34.15418, -119.07252	06111C0939E	01/20/2010

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** High winds and heavy rains caused large volume of sediment (43,804 CY) to accumulate at the Gabbert Canyon Debris Basin. The applicant used FAL, equipment, rental equipment and contracts to repair the canyon basin back to pre-disaster condition by removing the accumulated sediments. The sediment was sent to multiple preexisting FDS which one is within a Zone AE. No mitigation was proposed for this project. The work was completed in kind.

**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 with Minimization)* Minimization measures were not practicable due to the project only including removal of sediment. No actual structural damage was covered in this project.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain and wetland avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the basin is functionally dependent on being in the wetland and debris will only temporarily remain in the stockpile.

**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 4907 PN 748483; Gabbert Canyon Debris Basin" 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 25 DAY OF MARCH 2025**