

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for City of Indio, Riverside 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-4750-CA was published December 27, 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 abandoning the existing 892 LF long x 10 IN in diameter steel water transmission pipe in place and installing 900 LF of 18-inch diameter zinc coated ductile iron pipeline at a depth of 14ft adjacent to the original pipe. 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 A Flood 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:** City of Indio

**Project Title:** PW 00111; GM 744240; Westward Ho Water Main – Permanent Work

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Westward Ho Water Main and Sewer	(33.714720, -116.263912 to 33.714734, -116.261042)	06065C2234G	8/28/2008

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** The Westward Ho Water Main, the domestic water transmission steel pipe built in 1985 (892 LF long x 10 IN diameter) that provides water to the western portion of the Riverside County, was damaged because of severe erosion to the Coachella Valley

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Stormwater Channel due to floodwaters from Tropical Storm Hilary. The applicant utilized force account labor and contracts for the repairs to the watermain to restore this facility back to pre-disaster function, use, and capacity. Repairs included abandoning the existing pipe in place and installing 900 LF of 18-inch diameter zinc coated ductile iron pipeline adjacent to the original pipe and the applicant followed the codes and standards to the lowering of the pipe 14 feet.

## **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 in-kind)* Repairs made in kind may result in similar damages from future flood events.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the facility is the water transmission pipe providing water to the western portion of the county's water system.

**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 00111; GM 744240; Westward Ho Water Main – Permanent Work."

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 6 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024**

**\*\*\*END OF NOTICE\*\*\***