

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for City of Soledad, Monterey 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-4699-CA was published November 1, 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 restoration of levees at Soledad Water Reclamation Facility with mitigation. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. There is a potential for the facilities to be impacted by future flooding events due to their location within the A Flood Zone. The proposed work will not 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 Soledad

Project Title: PW 00701; PN 732819; Levee Repairs

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Soledad Water Reclamation Facility	36.42150, -121.34753 to 36.42188, -121.34932	06053C0625H	11/30/2023
Soledad Water Reclamation Facility	36.42188, -121.34932 to 36.42302, -121.35511	06053C0625H	11/30/2023

Proposed Work and Purpose: Between 2/21/2023 and 7/10/2023, severe storm event caused heavy rains velocity floodwater to erode the Levees at Soledad Water Reclamation Facility. The City of Soledad will utilize contracts to repair the embankment and base of the embankment with mitigation consists of installing rip rap and geo-Filter Fabric of non-woven geo-textile filter fabric to underline the embankment.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in additional damage to the area and. If these sites are 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 facilities are functionally dependent on its location to control the 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 . Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "PW 00701; PN 732819; Levee Repairs" 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.

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 5th DAY OF June 2025

END OF NOTICE