

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for City of Watsonville, Santa Cruz 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. 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 repairs of the Pinto Lake Park components back to pre-disaster with mitigation. 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 A. 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 Watsonville

Project Title: PW 904; GM 710224 – Pinto Lake Damages

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Pinto Lake Park	36.95020, -121.76759	06087C0384E	5/16/2012
Site 1	Start: 36.950734, -121.767883 End 36.951269, -121.768325	06087C0384E	5/16/2012
Site 2	Start 36.950798, -121.767766 End 36.951596, -121.767997	06087C0384E	5/16/2012
Site 3	36.951012, -21.768427	06087C0384E	5/16/2012

Site 4	36.951248, -21.767179	06087C0384E	5/16/2012
Site 5	36.95081, -121.76771	06087C0384E	5/16/2012
Site 6	36.94996, -121.76653	06087C0384E	5/16/2012
Mitigation: Additional Jetty wall	West Side: Start 36.95063, -121.76802 End 36.95061, -121.76799 East Side: Start 36.95077, -121.76786 End 36.95073, -121.76786	06087C0384E	5/16/2012

Proposed Work and Purpose: The Pinto Lake Park was impacted by flooding caused by debris accumulated on Pinto Lake's outlet. This flood caused damages to the park's dock, retaining wall, jetty wall, and recreational facilities. The repairs will be back to pre-disaster conditions and function, with mitigation. Mitigation was proposed by adding additional jetty wall (25 LF) to protect from future damages. The additional jetty will be 13 LF on both east and west side of boat ramp and will be done using the same dimensions and materials. The proposed work is the only practicable alternative, and the repairs are dependent on being on the floodplain to fulfill their purpose.

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 structures are previously existing on the floodplain and dependent on being on the floodplain for their purpose.

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 904; GM 710224 – Pinto Lake Damages" 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

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ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING.

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 1st DAY OF MAY 2024

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