

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, San Mateo 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 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 Wetland. FEMA has determined the only practicable alternative is to fund repair of the Madonna Creek dam. 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 wetlands. 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: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District**

**Project Title: PW 01730; GM 719794; Miramontes Ridge OSP - Madonna Creek Dam**

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Madonna Creek Dam	37.47412, -122.40902	06081C0260E	10/16/2012

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** The dam was partially washed away along with embankment soil and riprap when it was overtopped by high volume and high velocity storm water. Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District will restore this facility back to its pre-disaster function and capacity (in-kind) within the existing footprint. A curtain drain will be added as a new component to the dam. Seeding and live plantings will also be included within the fill prism. The adjacent pond will be dewatered for dry working conditions. The dam will be restored for its purpose of impounding water.

**Project Alternatives:**

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in further erosion to the dam embankments. 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)* Wetlands avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the purpose of the dam is dependent on its location. Relocation would adversely impact social or economic resources for the community.

**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 01730; GM 719794; Miramontes Ridge OSP - Madonna Creek Dam*” 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** November **DAY OF** 18 **2024**

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