

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for City of Orange Cove, Fresno, 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 11/1/2023. 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. 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 holding ponds embankment repairs and rip rap mitigation efforts. 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 Zone AE and Zone A. 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 Orange Cove**

**Project Title: PW 00431; GM 727642; Orange Cove Reservoir Levee Damages**

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

<b>Facility</b>	<b>GPS</b>	<b>FIRM Panels</b>	<b>FIRM Date</b>
Site 1	GPS Start: 36.60964, - 119.33418 End: 36.60965, - 119.33601 GPS: Start: 36.60843, - 119.33602 End: 36.60838, - 119.33421	06019C2702H	02/18/2009

Site 2	GPS Start: 36.60836, - 119.33423 End: 36.60828, - 119.33607 GPS: Start: 36.60698, - 119.33589 End: 36.60682, - 119.33425	06019C2702H	02/18/2009
Site 3	GPS Start: 36.61012, - 119.33194 End: 36.61018, - 119.33408 GPS: Start: 36.60680, - 119.33418 End: 36.60682, - 119.33201	06019C2702H	02/18/2009
Site 4	GPS Start: 36.60646, - 119.33204 End: 36.60644, - 119.33619 GPS: Start: 36.60329, - 119.33497 End: 36.60325, - 119.33204	06019C2702H	02/18/2009

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** Severe storms caused an increase in the volume of water which increased the level in the holding ponds and caused erosion along the pond banks. Contracted services will be used for repairs to the Orange Cove Reservoir to restore holding ponds embankments to its pre-disaster function and capacity. The Applicant will replace lost earthen material at four sites. Hazard mitigation measures consist of replacing lost earthen material with rip rap.

**Project Alternatives:**

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in continued loss of holding pond services. 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 it would disrupt services for the immediate area it supports.

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**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 00431; GM 727642; Orange Cove Reservoir Levee Damages*" 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 Tuesday, July DAY OF 30 2024

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