

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Kings County, Kings 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. 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 road with the inclusion of hazard mitigation of implementing the full-depth reclamation with cement method within the Special Flood Hazard Area. 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 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: Kings County

Project Title: PW 00277; PN 725176; 12th Ave -Underwater Road Project

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panel(s)	FIRM Date
Niles Ave - 12th Ave to 1.5 miles west of 10th Ave	36.11685, -119.67986 to 36.11610, -119.67110	06031C0500C	6/16/2009
12th Ave - 0.7 miles south of Nevada Ave to Niles Ave	36.12330, -119.68021 to 36.12710, -119.68025	06031C0350C 06031C0500C	6/16/2009

Proposed Work and Purpose: Continuous rainfall led to surface floodwater overtopping local roads – Niles Avenue and 12th Avenue. These roads sat underwater between 2 ½ to 3 months, leading to erosion of portions of the shoulder and road surface. For Damage Inventory # 1332718, as part of a hazard mitigation proposal, five sites within the length of Niles Avenue,

over 400 tons of full depth reclamation with cement will be pulverized and placed on the length of road. The same hazard mitigation proposal of pulverizing and placing over 17 tons of full depth reclamation with cement will be done for DI # 1332719, 12th Avenue. Kings County is performing minimization measures so that it will reduce the risk of future damage by preventing future erosion of native shoulder's native soil.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in continued erosion of the road, native soil, and chip seal. This alternative is not feasible as the repairs are necessary to ensure that the road remains operational in its current location to perform its designed function. 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 or Repair with Minimization)* 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 require rerouting roadways, potentially altering public access to certain properties, and disproportionately affecting property owners as land is seized for the construction of the new route. The damage to the facility is limited in scope and the cost of relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative and 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 . Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "PW 00277; PN 725176; 12th Ave -Underwater Road Project" 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 1st **DAY OF** February **2024**

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