

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for 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 September 11, 2023, publication date. 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 repairs to Santa Cruz County Roads to restore these facilities back to pre-disaster function, use, and capacity (within the right of way). This project contains mitigation for the safety of the public. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. 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: Santa Cruz County

Project Title: PW 02545; PN 711367; County roads- Repairs completed

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Roads and Culverts	(37.016429, -121.821554); (37.0303393, -121.784629); (37.015706, -121.819559); (37.10542496, -122.0513826); (37.108251, -122.049878); (37.10825102, -122.0498783); (37.07138641, -121.9724179);	06087C0206E 06087C0208E 06087C0275E	05/16/2012

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Proposed Work and Purpose: Flooding due to winter storm which occurred between 12/27/2022 and 1/31/2023, caused washouts to 19 countywide roads and adjoining embankments, including culverts. Force account labor, equipment, materials, rental equipment, and contracts were used to repair these Santa Cruz County Roads back to pre-disaster function and use, and capacity (within the right of way), with minor alteration to meet current codes and standards. The repairs included repairing roads, road shoulders, and armoring road embankments.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in a continued disruption of travel for the surrounding communities and the risk of additional damages to the roads. 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 roads cannot be built in other locations and perform the same function to the communities.

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 02545; PN 711367; County roads- Repairs completed" 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 20th DAY OF May 2025

END OF NOTICE