

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Carpinteria Sanitary District, Santa Barbara 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 Coastal High Hazard Area. FEMA has determined the only practicable alternative is to fund outfall diffuser repair. 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 V. 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: Carpinteria Sanitary District**

**Project Title: PW 01123 PN 731191; Outfall Diffuser Repair**

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility	GPS
Outfall Diffuser	34.38833, -119.52251

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** During the storm event from 12/27/2022 to 1/31/2023, debris such as sand, gravel, and cobble were deposited at and around the offshore diffuser section of the Carpinteria Sanitary District's marine outfall. A four-man dive team removed the debris from the buried outfall diffuser and made necessary repairs such as pipe and valve replacements in order to restore function to the outfall diffuser. A total of 80 LF of 4" Schedule 80 PVC Pipe was upgraded to 4" DR11 HDPE Pipe to prevent breaks of raisers and accessories in similar future events. The repairs and mitigation to the diffuser serve to restore functionality and maintain control of the flow of effluent into the ocean.

**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 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 the facility is functionally dependent on remaining within the ocean to perform its intended 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](mailto:FEMA-RIX-EHP-Documents@fema.dhs.gov) . Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "Outfall Diffuser Repair" at the above address within 30 days of the date of this notice.

**THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 30<sup>th</sup> DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING.**

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON the Ninth DAY OF April 2024

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