

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Coachella Valley Water District, Riverside 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-4750-CA was published December 27, 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. 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 restoration of Toro Peak Outlet, Hayes Drainage Channel, Coachella Valley Storm Channel and Dune Palms Road Diks to pre-disaster design. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. There is a potential for the facilities to be impacted by future flooding events due to their location within the A Flood Zone and AE flood Zone. 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: Coachella Valley Water District

Project Title: PW 00274; PN 751735; P17-WWR/Roads/Washouts

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Toro Peak Outlet	33.73541, -116.36086 to 33.73858, -116.37333	06065C2226H	4/19/2017
Heyes Drainage Channel	33.52556, -116.02665 to 33.52327, -116.02668	06065C2950H	3/6/2018
Coachella Valley Storm Channel	33.70007, -116.17775 to 33.65681, -116.14311	06065C2260H 06065C2270H	3/6/2018

Dune Palms Road Dike	33.78484, -116.27451 to 33.55427, -115.93812	06065C1620G	8/28/2008
		06065C1650G	8/28/2008
		06065C2252H	3/6/2018
		06065C2260H	3/6/2018
		06065C2300H	3/6/2018
		06065C2290H	3/6/2018
		06065C2930H	3/6/2018
		06065C2950H	3/6/2018
		06065C2975G	8/28/2008

Proposed Work and Purpose: Between 8/19/2023 and 8/21/2023, severe storm event caused heavy rains and rushing flood waters generated by Tropical Storm Hilary to result in district-wide erosion to Coachella Valley Water District facilities and infrastructure. The Coachella Valley Water District utilized contracts for sediment removal at Toro Peak Outlet, repaired embankment at Hayes Drainage Channel and Dune Palms Roads Diks, and realigned and restored Coachella Valley Storm Channel back to pre-disaster design.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in additional damage to the facilities. If these sites are not repaired, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur and continued negative impacts may be experienced.
- (2) *(Repair with Minimization)* Minimization measures were not practicable due to the nature of the activities, which allows for uninterrupted flow, and the need to bring the facilities back to working conditions for water control.
- (3) *(Relocation)* Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the facilities are functionally dependent on its location to control the water system.

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 00274; PN 751735; P17-WWR/Roads/Washouts" 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 28th DAY OF May 2025

END OF NOTICE