

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for North West Kern Resources Conservation District, Kern 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 11/3/2023. 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 repairs to the manmade channel at Poso Creek. 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 Zone A. 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: North West Kern Resources Conservation District

Project Title: DR4699 PW 2216 PN 1069459 – Poso Creek Channel

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

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Poso Creek Channel	Start: 35.71481, -119.57248, End: 35.69369, -119.53481	06029C0675E	9/26/2008

Proposed Work and Purpose: The Poso Creek Channel was damaged by flooding which caused erosion to the embankment. The sub applicant will repair the damage with in kind materials, and within the original footprint. The repairs will minimize additional damage to the channel and surrounding buildings and the community. The channel has eleven sites with erosion and all will be repaired by restoring the embankment with unclassified fill.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *(No Action)* This alternative would result in risk of additional damage. If the damage is 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 not being requested by the sub applicant.
- (3) (*Relocation*) Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the channel is functionally dependent on being in the floodplain to fulfill its 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-R9-EHP@fema.dhs.gov . Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "DR4699 PW 2216 PN 1069459 – Poso Creek Channel" 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 September 2026

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