

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

SACRAMENTO COUNTY ACQUISITION REPETITIVE LOSS

6550 DRY CREEK RD

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to provide federal financial assistance under the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program to Sacramento County, CA, to mitigate flood risk from Dry Creek. The proposed action would mitigate flood risk by splitting a 9.1-acre lot and acquiring a 4.1-acre portion of the lot within the floodway, removing a flood-prone structure out of the floodway, and turning the acquired lot into open space (proposed action). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and FEMA's implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides interested parties with a notice of its final decision and an explanation of the alternatives that were considered.

The purpose of the proposed action is to reduce flood hazards. The proposed action consists of acquiring a 4.1-acre portion of the property within the floodway and demolishing a 6,000 square foot church building and gravel lot within the acquired property. Demolition includes removal of the building, its slab floor, the gravel parking lot, septic system, some vegetation, and all unnatural debris. Once demolition is complete, the land would be hydroseeded with native grass mix to stabilize the soils and then delineated with a post and cable fencing. The 4.1-acre parcel would be held by the Sacramento County Regional Park Department as undevelopable open space in perpetuity.

The project area is depicted on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), Map Number 06067C0062H and 06067C0066H, effective 8/16/2012. The proposed action lies within Zone AE Floodway, an area that has a 1-percent probability of flooding every year and where predicted floodwater elevations have been established.

A map of the project area and its location within the floodplain is available for public inspection. Parties interested in receiving a copy of the map should contact the FEMA Region IX Environmental Officer using contact information provided in this notice.

Three alternatives to the proposed action were considered: Alternative 1, no action; Alternative 2: proposed action; Alternative 3, elevating the church building; and Alternative 4, relocating the church building. Alternative 1 would not include any action to reduce flood risk. This Alternative is not recommended because it would not reduce the risk of flooding at the property. Alternative 3 would elevate the church building above the base flood elevation. This alternative is not recommended because it would leave vehicle parking in the floodway and therefore would not substantially reduce flood risk. Alternative 4 would relocate the building to higher ground. This alternative is not recommended because it would be costly and may not be feasible as the building is a slab-on-grade and would be difficult to relocate. FEMA has determined that

Alternative 2 (the proposed action) is the only practicable alternative available; therefore, the proposed action must be located in the floodplain. The proposed action would have no significant adverse impact on the floodplain and would benefit the area by reducing the risk of flooding and flood damage. Therefore, measures to minimize impacts on the floodplain are not necessary. Sacramento County has declared that the proposed action conforms to local floodplain standards, and would be responsible for the management, construction, and maintenance of the proposed action.

Additional information about FEMA's proposed action may be requested by writing the FEMA Region IX Environmental Officer at FEMA, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, California 94607, or fema-rix-ehp-documents@fema.dhs.gov, or calling (510) 627-7027. All requests should be received no later than 15 days after publication of this notice. No action will be taken before this date.