



October 20, 2021

**SUBJECT: FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE KENNEFICK ROAD (PHASE 2)  
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, HMGP-4308-109-09**

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) intends to provide federal financial assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to San Joaquin County to improve stormwater management along Kennefick Road. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), 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 project site is in a floodplain. The project area is depicted on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Number 06077C0180G, effective date October 20, 2016. The FIRM shows that the project area lies within Zone AE, an area that has a 1-percent probability of flooding every year and where predicted floodwater elevations have not been established.

The project site is in R4SBC (Riverine, Intermittent, Streambed, Seasonally Flooded) and PEM1Ah (Palustrine, Emergent, Persistent, Temporarily Flooded, Diked/Impounded) wetlands, based on a search of the National Wetlands Inventory website.

The proposed action consists of improving an approximately 300-foot section of Kennefick Road. San Joaquin County proposes to increase the culvert capacity and raise the height of Kennefick Road to reduce the potential for future flooding along an approximately 300-foot portion of the roadway. The components of the drainage improvements beneath the road are a three-bore reinforced concrete box culvert, a cutoff wall and headwall at either end of the culvert, and four wingwalls. Riprap would be installed to prevent erosion and scouring. Staging of equipment and materials would occur north of the improvement area in an area either west or east of Kennefick Road. A map of the project area and its location within the floodplain and wetlands is available for public inspection. All parties interested in receiving a copy of the map should contact the FEMA Region IX Environmental Officer at the address or phone number below.

The alternative to completing the action to improve Kennefick Road is taking no action. Under the no action alternative, this section of the roadway would remain susceptible to flooding and damage during storm events. FEMA has determined that the proposed project is the only feasible alternative available to San Joaquin County; thus, the proposed action must occur in a floodplain and wetland. The proposed action would not adversely affect the floodplain and wetland and is necessary to protect the roadway from flooding that affects access. San Joaquin County is responsible for implementing and monitoring the proposed action and ensuring that it conforms to federal floodplain standards.



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

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