

INITIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

CABLE CREEK BASIN (UPPER) FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT (PHASE 1) SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA EMF-2022-BR-044-0007

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) intends to provide federal financial assistance under the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program to the San Bernardino County Flood Control District in San Bernardino County, California, to design the Cable Creek Detention Basin (Upper) Project which would mitigate impacts from flooding by reducing current peak flows in Cable Creek. 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 intent to carry out an action affecting a floodplain.

The purpose of the proposed action is to reduce flood hazards along Cable Creek. The proposed action for Phase 1 consists of a geotechnical investigation, including approximately 16 geotechnical borings using a truck-mounted drill rig with a hollow stem auger. Borings near access roads would be no greater than 2 to 3 feet deep and borings within the existing levee would be no greater than 15 feet deep. The soil boring spoils would be used as boring backfill material. Minor vegetation removal may be required to access boring locations. Phase 1 activities would also include project design, community outreach, environmental review, and a hydrology and hydraulics study where no ground disturbing activities or in-water work would occur.

The project area is in the 100-year floodplain as depicted on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Numbers 06071C7910H and 06071C7930J, effective date August 28, 2008, and September 2, 2016, respectively. 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 been established.

Additional information about FEMA's proposed action, including maps showing the potential impacts on floodplains, may be obtained 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. All requests should be received within 15 days after publication of this notice.