

## **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Santa Venetia Timber-Reinforced Berm Marin County FEMA-DR-4301-36-13R**

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 Marin County to reconstruct and expand an existing 7,000-foot-long reinforced wooden berm wall by increasing the footing depth and berm wall height to meet an elevation of 2.5 feet above the 100-year base flood elevation. 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 existing reinforced wooden berm wall is in the floodplain and protects homes susceptible to damage during flood events. The purpose of the proposed action is to improve the current berm wall and increase the level of flood protection for the homes behind the berm wall. The project areas are depicted on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Number 06041C0294E, effective March 16, 2016. The FIRM shows that the project areas lie within Zone AE, an area that has a 1-percent probability of flooding every year and where predicted floodwater elevations have been established.

The proposed action consists of reconstructing and expanding an existing, 7,000-foot-long reinforced wooden berm wall. Maps of the project areas and their locations within the floodplain and wetland are 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 actions to reconstruct and expand the berm wall is taking no action. Under the no action alternative, the berm wall and the homes behind it would remain susceptible to damage during flood events. FEMA has determined that the proposed project is the only feasible alternative available to Marin County; thus, the proposed action must occur in a floodplain. The proposed action would not adversely affect the floodplain and is necessary to preserve property. Marin 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 November 30, 2019. No action will be taken before this time.