

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Collier County's North County Water Reuse Facility repair due to damages in Hurricane Irma (DR-4337-FL PW-04997). Pursuant to Executive Order 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 (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published October 6, 2017 for Hurricane Irma. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within the floodplain. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to locate this facility at its original location within the floodplain because the facility is functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain.

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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Responsible Entity: FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program

Applicant: Collier County

Project Title(s): PA-04-FL-4337-PW-04997; 11628 - North County Water Reuse facility

Location of Proposed Work: 10550 Goodlette-Frank Road N, Naples, FL 34109, (26.26619, -81.78756).

Floodplain: The project is located in Zone AH, otherwise known as the areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance shallow flooding (usually areas of ponding) where average depths are between one and three feet, and Zone AE, otherwise known as the areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event, per Collier County FIRM Panel #12021C0193H, dated 5/16/2012.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Collier County removed 485.50 Tons of grit and debris from the influent and effluent channels, Mixed Liquid Splitter Tank, MLE Aeration Tanks and the Pretreatment Tank to repair the North County Water Reuse facility to pre-disaster condition.

Project Alternatives: The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible as the site will remain vulnerable to reduced capacity from excessive amounts of grit and debris. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts on adjacent infrastructure, property, residents, and the community may be experienced. Alternate locations outside of the floodplain were not considered as there were no feasible locations that would meet the needs of the community.

Comments: This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, calling 770-220-5432, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line PA-04-FL-4337-PW-04997, Collier County at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.