

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department
Cambria Flood Mitigation Project
FEMA-1046-DR-CA, HMGP #1046-157-1003

San Luis Obispo County (County) has applied for funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, to implement a flood mitigation project. FEMA is proposing to fund the project through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program under a presidential disaster declaration (FEMA-1046-DR-CA) for the flood of 1995. The project area is located in the community of Cambria, California, along the northern coast of the County approximately 35 miles northwest of the City of San Luis Obispo.

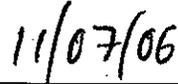
Cambria's West Village has been subject to recurring flooding from Santa Rosa Creek and localized runoff in recent years. The County has identified the need to reduce the flood hazard in Cambria's West Village as one of its highest priorities. The Proposed Action consists of the construction and operation of three components: a detention basin to collect runoff in the hills surrounding the West Village, a gravity storm drain system to collect and transfer runoff from the hills surrounding the West Village, and a pump station to transfer runoff from the existing storm drainage system in the West Village. The detention basin would be constructed upstream of the end of Sheffield Street to collect runoff before it enters the West Village. The gravity storm drain system includes installation of stormwater drainage pipes and drainage inlets in the road right-of-ways along Sheffield Street, Cornwall Street, Hillcrest Drive, Sunbury Avenue, and Croyden Lane. The pump station would consist of an enclosed concrete structure housing a system of electrically powered pumps with emergency diesel generator set back up power and a holding pond that would be located adjacent to Highway 1 at the north end of the West Village.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, FEMA has prepared a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Cambria Flood Mitigation Project (November 2006) to evaluate the impacts of the Proposed Action on the human environment. The SEA tiers from the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Typical Recurring Actions Flood, Earthquake, Fire, Rain, and Wind Disasters in California (December 2003) as Proposed by FEMA. The PEA and SEA are available online at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region9.shtm>.

Based upon the conditions and the information contained in the PEA and SEA, and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared, based on the fact that there will be no long-term adverse impacts to the natural environment resulting from the Proposed Action. This Finding of No Significant Impact serves as the final notice for compliance with Executive Orders 11998 and 11990. Information required by 44 CFR Part 9.12(e) is provided in the SEA. For more information, contact the undersigned at (510) 627-7027. No action will be allowed to occur until 15 days after publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.


Alessandro Amaglio
Region IX Environmental Officer


Date