

**Federal Emergency Management Agency  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the City of La Feria Storm Water Pump Station on AN-49 Drainage Channel  
Cameron County, Texas  
HMGP-DR-1931-TX PROJECT #1

Interested persons are hereby notified that the City of La Feria has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding under Section 404 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures that reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.

FEMA proposes to provide funding to the City for the construction of a storm water pump station near one of the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) drainage channel gates located at the southwest end of La Feria Reservoir. The pump station would allow the City to pump storm water over the gate structure into the Arroyo Colorado (Latitude: 26.12781; Longitude: -97.83966). The proposed pump station would be located within an existing, developed City of La Feria drainage easement right-of-way. It would be a single-story structure containing two 50 cubic feet per second pumps and associated appurtenances to lift water over the gate structure and through the levee.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action and alternatives on the human and natural environment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA (44 CFR Parts 9 and 10). The draft EA evaluates alternatives that provide for compliance with applicable environmental laws. The alternatives evaluated include (1) no action; (2) the proposed action described above.

The draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed at the La Feria City Hall lobby at 115 E. Commercial Ave., La Feria, TX 78559 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, between October 3 and November 1, 2012. An electronic version of the draft EA can be requested from Dorothy Weir, FEMA Region 6, at [dorothy.weir@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:dorothy.weir@fema.dhs.gov) or viewed at FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/library/index.jsp>.

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date. Written comments on the draft EA can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to Dorothy Weir, Environmental Specialist, FEMA Region 6, 800 N Loop 288, Denton, TX 76209, Fax: 940-383-7299; [dorothy.weir@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:dorothy.weir@fema.dhs.gov). If no substantive comments are received, the draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.