

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**Ventura County General Services Agency, Parks Department**  
**Foster Park Bank Repair Project**  
**FEMA-1203-DR-CA, DSR #52056**

The Ventura County General Services Agency, Parks Department, has applied through the California Office of Emergency Services to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which has been incorporated into the Department of Homeland Security, for Public Assistance Program funding to repair approximately 1,500 linear feet of bank along the Ventura River in Foster Park. This riverbank was damaged during winter storms in 1998. Components of the Proposed Action include the restoration and stabilization of the eroded banks with ungrouted rock rip-rap that would be covered in native soils, the clearing of concrete and asphalt debris in the river channel, and the restoration of a parking lot. The soil-covered rip-rap and areas in the river channel that are disturbed by construction activities would be planted with native grasses or willows. Work would not be conducted in water that is continuous with the main channel of the river. Construction activities affecting the river channel would occur during the period May 1 and October 1. Avoidance and minimization measures approved by the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would be employed to minimize impacts to protected species that may occur in or near the project area.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, FEMA has prepared a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) to evaluate the impacts of the proposed action on the human environment. The Supplemental Environmental Assessment, tiers from the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Typical Recurring Actions Resulting from Flood Disasters in California (April 16, 1998) as Proposed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The SEA for the Foster Park Bank Repair Project and the PEA are available online at <http://www.fema.gov/ehp/docs.shtm> and <http://www.fema.gov/regions/ix/env/nhpapa.shtm>, respectively.

An initial public notice has been circulated explaining reasons for siting the project in the floodplain and within wetland areas, pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), respectively. This Finding of No Significant Impact serves as the final notice for Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 compliance.

Based upon the conditions and the information contained in the PEA and the SEA for the Foster Park Bank Repair Project (February 2004), 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.

For more information, questions, or comments, contact Sandro Amaglio, Region IX Environmental Officer, at (510) 627-7027. No action will be allowed to occur until 15 days after publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.