

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
State of Nevada Public Works Division
Caliente Youth Center Bridge Flood Mitigation Project
PDM-PJ-09-NV-2012-002

The State of Nevada State Public Works Division (SPWD), Carson City, Nevada, has applied, through the Nevada Department of Emergency Management, to the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Federal financial assistance to reduce the risk to life and property by mitigating flooding in the City of Caliente (proposed project). The assistance would be provided through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM-PJ-09-NV-2012-002).

The State's proposal consists of reducing the risk of damage and loss associated with flooding events through removal of existing undersized culverts and construction of a new clear-span bridge structure on Youth Center Drive just east of the confluence of Clover Creek and Meadow Valley Wash in the incorporated City of Caliente, Lincoln County, Nevada. The new bridge structure would allow for sufficient flows in Clover Creek to pass during flood events and maintain access to the north side of the creek during high water. The proposed project also includes the construction of a riprap grade control structure in the Clover Creek approximately 200 feet upstream from existing Youth Center Drive culverts. The purpose of the grade-control structure is to protect the channel from an upstream headcut, which would result in mobilization and transport of stored sediments in the Clover Creek channel.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, FEMA prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the impacts of the Proposed Action and alternatives on the quality of the human environment. The EA includes measures that will be implemented to mitigate, minimize, and avoid impacts on the quality of the human environment. The Final EA was prepared after a Draft EA was made available for public review and comment. FEMA received no comments on the Draft EA. The Final EA is available at <http://www.fema.gov/environmental-planning-and-historic-preservation-program/environmental-documents-public-notice-5>.

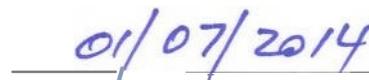
Based on the conditions and the information described in the Final EA, a review of the applicable environmental laws and orders, and in compliance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. This Finding of No Significant Impact serves as the Final Public Notice for compliance with Executive Orders 11988 and 11990.

For more information, contact the FEMA Region IX Office of Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation at (510) 627-7027 or FEMA-RIX-EHP-Documents@fema.dhs.gov. No action will be allowed to occur until 15 days after the publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.



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