

**Federal Emergency Management Agency  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority Montoyas Arroyo Bank Stabilization Project, Rio Rancho, New Mexico  
HMGP-DR-4079-NM PROJECT #8

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority (SSCAFCA) has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding under Section 404 of 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 SSCAFCA for the installation of a sloped shotcrete section on the south side slope of Montoyas Arroyo to provide a minimum of 2 feet of freeboard above the 100-year water surface elevation and to provide long-term scour protection. The purpose of the proposed project is to protect residential development and public infrastructure from damage resulting from erosion of the Montoyas Arroyo.

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 review and comment at the SSCAFCA Office located at 1041 Commercial Dr., SE, Rio Rancho, NM, 87124, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday from February 18, 2015 to March 20, 2015. 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 on FEMA's website at <https://www.fema.gov/library>.

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: 940-297-0152; [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.