

**Federal Emergency Management Agency  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the City of Rio Rancho Sportsplex Erosion Control Project, Rio Rancho, Sandoval County, New Mexico  
HMGP-DR-4199-NM PROJECT #29

Interested persons are hereby notified that the City of Rio Rancho 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 Rio Rancho for the installation of a sloped shotcrete section along approximately 1,500 feet the south bank of the Montoyas Arroyo near the Sportsplex to an elevation sufficient to provide a minimum of 2 feet of freeboard above the 100-year water surface elevation to provide long-term scour protection. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide permanent erosion protection along the southern bank of the Montoyas Arroyo near the Sportsplex in Rio Rancho, NM and to prevent subsequent failure of nearby existing infrastructure.

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 on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), FEMA's Instruction 108-1-1 for implementing NEPA, the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and 44 CFR Part 9. 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 Loma Colorado Main Library, 755 Loma Colorado Blvd NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, from Monday through Thursday 10 am to 8 pm and Friday-Saturday 10 am to 5 pm; from October 23, 2017 to November 21, 2017. An electronic version of the draft EA can be requested from Dorothy Cook, FEMA Region 6, at [dorothy.cook@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:dorothy.cook@fema.dhs.gov) or viewed on FEMA's website at [www.fema.gov/resource-document-library](http://www.fema.gov/resource-document-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 Cook, Senior Environmental Specialist, FEMA Region 6, FEMA Region 6, 800 N Loop 288, Denton, TX 76209; Email: [dorothy.cook@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:dorothy.cook@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.