

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Notice of Availability
Draft Environmental Assessment
Rough and Ready Fire Station

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to provide funding to the Rough and Ready Fire Protection District for an Assistance to Firefighters Station Construction Grant project in Rough and Ready, California. Funding would be provided as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

FEMA prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations found in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 10. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), 11988 (Floodplain Management), and 12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives evaluated in the EA are the (1) no action; and (2) proposed action, the building of a replacement fire station.

The DEA is available for review from July 30, 2010 to August 13, 2010 at the Rough and Ready Fire Protection District office in Rough and Ready at 11042 Rough and Ready Rd., Rough and Ready, CA 95975 during normal business hours. The draft EA is also available for review at the Madelyn Helling Library, 980 Helling Way, Nevada City, CA 95959 during normal hours of operation. The draft EA is also available for review online at the FEMA website: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region9.shtm> .

Written comments regarding the proposed action should be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (local time), August 13, 2010, by the FEMA Region IX Environmental Officer. Until that date, FEMA will take no further action regarding the proposed action. To request a copy of the document or to provide comments regarding the DEA, please direct correspondence to the following address: Environmental and Historic Preservation Office, FEMA Region IX, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, California 94607. For more information, contact FEMA's Region IX Environmental Officer at (510) 627-7027.

If no substantive comments are received by the above deadline, the DEA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and be published by FEMA. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in any final documents.