

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILIBILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
NORTHWEST FIRE STATION

U.S. Department of Homeland Security's
Federal Emergency Management Agency

The City of Santa Maria Fire Department has applied to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Federal financial assistance to implement the Northwest Fire Station project in the City of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, California. The assistance would be provided under the Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant Program (CFDA 97-115) which is authorized by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) to fund the construction and modification of fire stations. The program is administered by the Assistance to Firefighters Program Office under FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate. The Proposed Action would require building a new fire station at 2305 North Preisker Lane in the southeast corner of Preisker Park within the city limits of Santa Maria, California. Approximately 1.2 acres of the 38.9 acre Preisker Park was rezoned for the construction of the Northwest Fire Station.

FEMA has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the proposed project, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and FEMA's implementing regulations. The DEA, which evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action and its alternatives, is available for public review and comment. The public comment period will be from October 15 to October 29, 2010. Written comments on the DEA can be faxed to FEMA's Regional Office in Oakland, California at (510) 627-7126. The DEA can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm>. A copy of the DEA may also be viewed at the City of Santa Maria Public Library in the Reference Section, 421 S. McClelland Street, Santa Maria, California, Hours: Mon-Thurs 10 am to 9pm, Fri & Sat 10am to 6pm , closed Sunday.

If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. Then this DEA will be moved to the archives page at http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives_index.shtm.