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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
CITY OF STORM LAKE SANITARY SEWER MITIGATION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
STORM LAKE, BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA
FEMA-1763-DR-IA

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to fund the construction of a improvements to the City of Storm Lake Sanitary System in Buena Vista County, Iowa under the authority of Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121-5206, as amended (Stafford Act, Public Law 93-288. FEMA was authorized under a Presidential disaster declaration (FEMA-1763-DR-IA) to provide Federal disaster assistance through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to the State of Iowa.

The Proposed Action would install a new diversion force main and gravity sewer around the west side of Storm Lake and connecting into the waste water treatment plant, retrofitting two lift stations, constructing five new lift stations, relocating equipment from the Memorial Street Lift Station, replacing clarifiers, providing a backup generator at the waste water treatment plant, and expanding the lagoon cell. The proposed project is located throughout Storm Lake, Casino Beach, and portions of the unincorporated Buena Vista County. The Storm Lake sanitary sewer system serves as a vital service for the residents of Storm Lake and neighboring communities and was identified as a key mitigation project by the Storm Lake Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) was written to evaluate the proposed action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The DEA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action. The public comment period will be from October 15 to November 15, 2011. Written comments on the DEA can be faxed to FEMA's Iowa Closeout Center at (515) 223-7216 or emailed to Fema-ICC-EHP@dhs.gov.

The DEA can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region7.shtm>. 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.