

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Kern River Valley Cemetery District, Kern County, CA. Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance Grant Program (PA).

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice for DR-4699-CA was published 11/1/2023. Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. EO 11988 and EO 11990 requires FEMA to consider alternatives and provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA has determined the only practicable alternative is to fund embankment. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the AE zone. The proposed work will not take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

Applicant: Kern River Valley Cemetery District

Project Title: PW 00364; PN 730322; Kern River Valley Cemetery District - 03

Location of Proposed Work and Floodplain Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels:

Facility	GPS	FIRM Panels	FIRM Date
Cemetery Washout Embankment	35.72029 - 118.43491 to 35.71977 - 118.43503	06029C0881F	10/21/2021

Proposed Work and Purpose: The river embankment experienced slope failure due to water runoff and high river water from excessive rain and flooding. The applicant will utilize contract to repair lost unclassified material at eroded embankment slope located at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Kern River Valley Cemetery was approximately built in 1861. Hazard mitigation will be achieved through an alternate method of repair. Actions will reinforce the embankment slope using geotextile fabrics and rip rap installation.

Project Alternatives:

(1) (No Action) This alternative would result in a risk of additional damages. If the

damage is not repaired, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur and continued negative impacts may be experienced.

- (2) (*Repair in-kind*) Repairs made in kind may result in similar damages from future flood events.
- (3) (*Relocation*) Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facility is not a practicable alternative as the facility is a part of the applicant's water management plan. Any changes to the facility may result in changes to the overall plan.

Comments: This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA Public Assistance program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 9, 1111 Broadway #1200, Oakland, CA 94607, or by emailing FEMA-RIX-EHP-Documents@fema.dhs.gov . Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "*PW 00364; PN 730322; Kern River Valley Cemetery District - 03*" at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING.

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 30th DAY OF August 2025

*****END OF NOTICE*****