

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Scoping

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to fund the Marlette Lake Dam Resilient Infrastructure Project (Project). Funding would be provided by the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program as authorized by Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act, 42 United States Code.

FEMA intends to conduct an environmental planning and historic preservation review for the Project, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA); Executive Order (EO) 11988, Floodplain Management; EO 11990, Wetlands Protection; EO 12898, Environmental Justice; EO 14008, Climate Change; and Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9. FEMA hereby provides interested parties with a notice of its intent to carry out an action affecting a floodplain and wetlands.

The Nevada State Public Works Division has applied for PDM funds for the Project. The purpose of the Project is to reduce seismic risks at Marlette Lake Dam in Washoe County, Nevada. The Project would: 1) enlarge the downstream embankment of the dam with the placement of buttress fill; 2) compact the dam materials to mitigate the potential for liquefaction caused by an earthquake; 3) replace the existing spillway with a new concrete box culvert; 4) remove and replace the existing primary outlet piping within the dam (which is currently corroding) with new outlet pipe via open cut excavation; and 5) complete minor grading and grubbing improvements adjacent to the dam.

Initial comments concerning the Project, potential alternatives, and preliminary identification of environmental issues will be accepted from the public; local, state, and federal agencies; Tribes; and other interested parties to assist FEMA with identifying the scope for NEPA analysis and inform decision-making. Comments should be made in writing and sent to the FEMA contact listed below. Comments must be received by September 23, 2022 to be considered.

Additional information about the Project, including a brief fact sheet, may be obtained by contacting the Nevada State Public Works Division or at the following website: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic/nepa/environmental-assessment-marlette-lake>. Once complete, the draft EA will be made available for public review and comment.

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