

PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal Emergency Management Agency Draft Environmental Assessment Shaw and Wide Hollow Creeks Flood Control Project in Yakima County

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to provide funding to Yakima County for a flood control project in Washington State. Funding would be provided as authorized by § 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act (Stafford Act), 42 U.S. Code § 5133.

FEMA has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations 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 draft EA are (1) No Action, (2A) Proposed Action, and (2B) Overflow Bypass Channel.

The EA is available for review at the FEMA environmental Website at <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/109088>. If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, FEMA will finalize the EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and fund the project. Unless substantive comments are received, FEMA will not publish another notice for this project. However, if a FONSI is issued, it will be available for public viewing at <http://www.fema.gov/environmental-historic-preservation-documents> under Region X.

The draft EA is also available for review on September 4, 2015, at the Yakima County Public Services office, at 128 N. 2nd Street, Yakima, Washington.

A public meeting will be held on September 16, 2015 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the West Valley Junior High School, at 7505 Zier Road, Yakima, Washington.

Written comments on the draft EA should be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on October 5, 2015, to Mark Eberlein, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region X, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, Washington 98021, or by e-mail to mark.eberlein@dhs.gov. Comments may also be faxed to 425-487-4613.