**INITIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District Drainage Pump Facility Project**

**Contra Costa County, California**

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) intends to provide federal financial assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to the Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District in Contra Costa County, California, for flood mitigation improvements. The proposed actions would mitigate impacts from flood hazards by constructing a new drainage pump facility to divert local drainage and ponding water to a closer source of outlet to be pumped out of the island. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and FEMA’s implementing regulations at 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.

The purpose of the proposed action is to reduce flood hazards. The proposed action consists of: 1) demolition and clearing the area; 2) grading and excavation; 3) trenching and pipe placement and; 4) constructing the pump house structure and pumps.

The project area is in the 100-year floodplain as depicted on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Numbers 06013C0200F, effective date 06/16/2009. The FIRM shows that the project area lies within Zone AE, an area that has a 1-percent probability of flooding every year and where predicted floodwater elevations have been established, and within a Regulatory Floodway.

Additional information about FEMA’s proposed action, including maps showing the potential impacts on floodplains, may be obtained by writing the FEMA Region IX Environmental Officer at FEMA, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, California 94607, or fema-rix-ehp-documents@fema.dhs.gov. All requests should be received within 15 days after publication of this notice.