

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
Draft Environmental Assessment
City of Reedsport, Oregon
Flood Reduction and Resiliency Project
PDMC-PJ-10-OR-2018-007**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to fund the City of Reedsport, Oregon for modifications to its levee system as part of a broader flood and seismic hazard resilience strategy. Funding would be provided through the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) under FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program as authorized by Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

FEMA has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and FEMA's Implementing Instruction 108-1-1. The Draft EA assesses the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. It evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws and executive orders, including the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), Clean Water Act (CWA), and Executive Orders 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), 11988 (Floodplain Management), and 12898 (Environmental Justice).

FEMA is accepting comments on the Draft EA from the public; local, state and federal agencies; Tribes; and other interested parties. FEMA will use these comments to inform its decision-making. Please provide comments in writing and send to the FEMA contact listed below. Alternatively, please attend the public open house in person to learn about the project and submit comments.

The Draft EA will be available to the public for review after November 1, 2022 on the following websites:

- FEMA: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic/nepa-repository> (search for Reedsport)
- City of Reedsport: <https://www.cityofreedsport.org>

A paper copy of the Draft EA will be available for review after November 1, 2022 at:

- Reedsport City Manager's Office at 451 Winchester Avenue
(Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, closed 12pm-1pm)
- The Lower Umpqua Library at 395 Winchester Avenue
(Tuesday through Friday 10am-6pm and Saturday 10am-2pm).

Anyone requiring a hard copy should contact either of the following, at least 15-days before the comment due date:

- Courteney Davis, City Manager's Officer (541) 271-3603, cdavis@cityofreedsport.org
- FEMA Region 10 Environmental and Historic Preservation Branch, FEMA-R10-EHP-Comments@fema.dhs.gov

A public meeting on the Draft EA will be held on **Tuesday November 15, 2022 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm** at the Reedsport Community Center at **451 Winchester Avenue, Reedsport**. The City will provide an overview of the proposed modifications and FEMA will summarize the key findings of the Draft EA. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and submit public comments.

The meeting room is accessible to people with disabilities. If you need to request an accommodation (sign language interpreters, Braille, CART/captioning, etc.), please make your request by November 4, 2022. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fill. Please contact the FEMA and City of Reedsport contacts listed above.

If no significant issues are identified during the comment period on the Draft EA, FEMA will finalize the EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and fund the project. The FONSI will be posted to FEMA's website. Unless substantive comments on the Draft EA are received, FEMA will not publish another public notice for this project.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the Draft EA is **Monday, December 5, 2022**. Please send written comments by mail or email to:

- Science Kilner, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region X
130 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021
- FEMA-R10-EHP-Comments@fema.dhs.gov
Please include "Reedsport" in the email subject line