

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Franklin County Rural Water District # 6 of has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through Kansas Department of Emergency Management (KDEM) as a recipient.

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. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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.

Sub-Applicant: Franklin County Rural Water District # 6

Project Title: 166728- RWD #6 Franklin County Water Inlet repairs; DR-PA-04449-PW-00511

Location of Proposed Work:

| Facility | Address | Latitude | Longitude | Date of Construction |
|------------------------|---|----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Franklin County RWD #6 | 4890 Rock Creek Road, Rantoul, KS 66079 | 38.55006 | -95.06616 | 1980 |

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the repair and subsequent 406 mitigation of the Franklin County RWD #6 water intake. The RWD #6 repairs are located within an AE flood zone per Franklin County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels 20059C0250D dated 01/16/2014. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Kansas local floodplain regulations. There is potential for the facility to be impacted by future events due to its location in the floodplain. The repair of the RWD#6 water intake and subsequent 406 mitigation is also in or adjacent to a designated wetland. However, the project is repair of facility to pre-disaster form, function, and footprint, which is not likely to affect wetland values.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

During the event period of April 28 through July 12, 2019, flood waters collapsed the embankment at the water intake of the RWD #6 water treatment plant located along the Marais Des Cygnes River. The applicant utilized contracts and materials for restoring service to the RWD #6 water treatment facility by repairing the intake. The applicant also used 406 hazard mitigation funding for the installation of a sheet-pile wall and riprap for additional embankment stabilization.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact to public health, safety, and welfare. If the damages are not repaired, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur.

Alternative #2 (Repair in-kind): Repairing the water intake without minimization measures may result in similar damages from future flooding events. If similar damages occur again, it could cause similar adverse economic and social impacts.

Alternative #3 (Relocation outside the floodplain) Relocation of the intake is not feasible as the RWD #6 water treatment facility is dependent on its already established location in the floodplain.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state, or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to:

FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer
FEMA Region 7
11224 Holmes Road,
Kansas City, MO 64131-3626

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: kate.stojsavljevic@fema.dhs.gov. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4449-KS-PW#511 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

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End of Notice