

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

City of Caliente

Caliente Flood Control Project

PDMC-PJ-09-NV-2011-002

The City of Caliente, Lincoln County, Nevada has applied through the Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Federal financial assistance to reduce the risk to life and property by mitigating flooding in the City (proposed project). The assistance would be provided through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM-PJ-09-NV-2011-002).

The City's proposal consists of reducing the risk of damage and loss associated with flooding events by constructing a settling basin, reconstructing approximately 0.5 mile of paved roadway to include storm drains and gutters, and providing a sediment disposal site. Specifically, the proposed project would alleviate flooding problems by reconstructing 0.5 miles of Spring Heights Drive to an inverted crown for conveyance of storm water runoff by removing a portion of the runoff water from the surface near the intersection of Spring Heights and Clover Street. To reduce the amount of deposited materials along the roadway and nearby properties during floods the proposed project would include an upstream settling basin 6 feet deep with a volume of approximately 1,200 cubic yards. Finally, the proposed project would include approximately 1,450 linear feet of steel reinforced high-density polyethylene pipe with associated storm drain manholes and street width inlets.

FEMA has prepared this Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed flood control project. This EA has been prepared according to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and FEMA's implementing regulations (44 CFR Part 10). The EA includes measures that will be implemented to mitigate, minimize, and avoid impacts on the quality of the human environment. The Final EA was prepared after a Draft EA was made available for public review and comment. FEMA received no comments on the Draft EA. The Final EA is available at <http://www.fema.gov/environmental-planning-and-historic-preservation-program/environmental-documents-public-notice-5>.

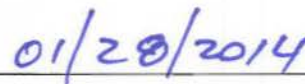
Based on the conditions and the information described in the Final EA, a review of the applicable environmental laws and orders, and in compliance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. This Finding of No Significant Impact serves as the Final Public Notice for compliance with Executive Orders 11988 and 11990.

For more information, contact the FEMA Region IX Office of Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation at (510) 627-7027 or FEMA-RIX-EHP-Documents@fema.dhs.gov. No action will be allowed to occur until 15 days after the publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.



Alessandro Amaglio
Regional Environmental Officer
FEMA Region IX



Date