

## **INITIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **UPPER ATHERTON CHANNEL FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA LPDM-PJ-09-CA-2024-005**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) intends to provide federal financial assistance under the Legislative Pre-Disaster Management Program to the Town of Atherton in San Mateo County, California, to reduce the flooding and overtopping of Alameda de las Pulgas during peak flow events. The proposed action would mitigate impacts from flooding by increasing the capacity of an existing box culvert and constructing a detention basin. Pursuant to Executive Order 11990 (Wetlands 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 wetland.

The purpose of the proposed action is to reduce flood hazards. The proposed action consists of the following: 1) installing an overflow culvert pipe via horizontal boring parallel to the existing box culvert under Alameda da las Pulgas; 2) constructing a new 8,500 square-foot detention basin under the parking lot of Las Lomitas Elementary School; 3) installing two in-stream monitors approximately 1 mile upstream of the culvert within the Town's drainage easement.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory map shows riverine habitat within the project area.

Additional information about FEMA's proposed action, including maps showing the potential impacts on wetlands, may be obtained by writing the FEMA Region 9 Environmental Officer at FEMA, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, California 94607, or [fema-rix-ehp-documents@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-rix-ehp-documents@fema.dhs.gov). All requests should be received within 15 days after publication of this notice.