

## **Federal Emergency Management Agency**

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT Replacement of Charlotte County Fire Station #7 Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, Florida FEMA-1539-DR-FL, PW 3070**

#### **Background**

The proposed project seeks to construct a new Charlotte County Fire Station #7 at the Charlotte County Airport in Charlotte County, Florida. The Charlotte County Airport is located on the west coast of Florida. The original Fire Station #7 building was damaged beyond repair during Hurricane Charley (the Hurricane) on August 13, 2004. FEMA's Public Assistance Program is considering providing funding to Charlotte County (Applicant) as an Improved Project. The County has decided not to rebuild the Fire Station at the original site, but at the intersection of Mooney Ave. and Golf Course Blvd. at the County Airport (Figure 1).

#### **Finding**

The new facility is not anticipated to cause an increase in air traffic or otherwise affect normal Airport operation activities. The above action is not in an identified Coastal Barriers Resource Act unit and it will not result in any significant adverse impacts related to geology and soils; hydrology and floodplains; wetlands and jurisdictional waters of the U.S.; water quality; air quality; vegetation and wildlife; state and federally listed threatened and endangered species; cultural resources; socioeconomics (including minority and low income populations); safety and security; hazardous materials and toxic wastes; and traffic and transportation. The proposed project alternative has been reviewed and, to the best of our knowledge, does not have the potential for significant cumulative effects when combined with past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions in accordance with 44 CFR Part 10.8 (d)(3)(x). The Draft EA was made available to interested parties through publication on FEMA's website ([www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm)) and by distribution located at the Punta Gorda Library, 424 West Henry Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. Notification in the local **Sun-Herald** newspaper notified the public of such availability.

#### **Project Conditions**

The following summarizes the conditions that must be met as part of implementing this proposed project:

1. Applicant shall obtain and comply with all required local, state, and federal permits and laws prior to implementation of the proposed project and will comply with any and all conditions imposed. Applicant shall document compliance and may be required to provide documentation of this coordination as condition of funding at time of closeout. If new information reveals the project may affect environmental or historical resources in a manner not previously considered, and/or there are any changes to the scope of work, re-submission will be required through the State to FEMA, and re-evaluation for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will be required. Noncompliance with this requirement may jeopardize the receipt of federal funding.
2. Applicant would be required to implement Best Management Practices (BMP's) for construction which includes erosion control, vehicle maintenance, site maintenance, etc.

3. No archaeological resources are known to exist at or within the vicinity of the proposed project site. However, if ground-disturbing activities resulting from the implementation of this action uncover historically and/or archaeologically significant materials (or evidence thereof), the Applicant would be required to stop work immediately, notify FEMA, and take all reasonable measures to avoid or minimize harm to the property. The Applicant would not proceed with work until FEMA, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), determines that appropriate measures have been taken to ensure that the project is in compliance with the NHPA.
4. The Applicant would be required to restrict construction activities to normal work hours.
5. All construction must comply with applicable FAA regulations.
6. If any contaminated materials are found during construction, the Applicant would be required to remediate all hazardous materials, and would be required to abate, or dispose of as appropriate, and handled in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations. The contractor would implement measures to prevent spillage or runoff of chemicals, fuels, oils, or sewer-related wastes during project work.

### **Conclusions**

Based on the attached Environmental Assessment and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulation implementing NEPA (44 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508), FEMA regulations for environmental consideration pertaining to NEPA compliance (44 CFR Part 10), Executive Order (E.O.) 11988 (Floodplain Management), E.O. 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and E.O. 12898 (Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations), FEMA has found that the proposed action will have no significant impact on the biological or human environment. As a result of this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared and the proposed project may proceed.

### **Approved**

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