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DHS Response

FEMA and California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento, CA (Department) officials agreed that funding for the 26 projects that were not performed should be immediately deobligated so these funds can be put to better use.

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Interim Report on FEMA Public Assistance Grant Funds Awarded to California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento, CA

What We Determined

We are currently auditing public assistance (PA) grant funds awarded to the Department for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Number 1628-DR-CA.

Our audit objective was to determine whether the Department accounted for and expended FEMA public assistance grant funds according to statutes, regulations, and FEMA policies and guidelines in effect at the time of the disaster.

The purpose of this interim report is to disclose that the Department elected not to perform 26 projects under the FEMA program that were awarded under the grant for \$1.1 million.

What We Recommend

We recommend that the FEMA Region IX Administrator, in coordination with the California Emergency Management Agency (grantee), deobligate \$1,108,425 (federal share \$831,319) in unused federal funds that the Department will not claim, and put those funds to better use.

Within 90 days of the date of the grant report, Management should provide our office with a written response that includes their (1) agreement or disagreement, (2) corrective action plan, and (3) target completion date for the recommendation.