

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Notice of Availability
Environmental Assessment
Midpines Fire Station

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to provide funding to the County of Mariposa for an Assistance to Firefighters Station Construction Grant project in the community of Midpines in Mariposa County, California (Proposed Action). Funding would be provided as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

FEMA prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations found in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 10. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), 11988 (Floodplain Management), and 12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives evaluated in the EA are the (1); Proposed Action, the building of a fire station; and (2) no action.

The EA is available for review from March 24, 2011 to April 8, 2011 at the County of Mariposa Library Main Branch in Mariposa (4978 10th Street, Mariposa, California) and at the Public Works Department office (4639 Ben Hur Road, Mariposa CA) during normal hours of operation. The EA is also available for review online at the FEMA website:
<http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region9.shtm> .

Written comments regarding the Proposed Action should be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (local time), April 8, 2011, by the FEMA Region IX Environmental Office and Historic Preservation Office. Until that date, FEMA will take no further action regarding the Proposed Action. To request a copy of the document or to provide comments regarding the EA, please direct correspondence to the following address: Environmental and Historic Preservation Office, FEMA Region IX, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, California 94607. For more information, contact FEMA's Region IX Environmental Office at (510) 627-7027.

If no substantive comments are received by the above deadline, the EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and be published by FEMA. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in any final documents.