

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Saraland. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published December 10, 2020 for DR-4573 Hurricane Zeta. Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. - Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 requires FEMA to consider alternatives - and provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

President Biden issued new Executive Orders 13985 and 14008 in January 2021 to further address the need to achieve environmental justice and equity across the federal government. The issuance of the new executive orders more than 20 years after Executive Order 12898 was signed indicates the administration's directive to federal agencies to renew their energy, effort, resources and attention to environmental justice. FEMA is working with applicants/subapplicants to identify communities with Environmental Justice concerns and provide an avenue for local groups and non-profits with an Environmental Justice mission to self-identify so that FEMA Programs can start to work with them on specific projects from the beginning of the application process.

This notice serves as a project- specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA has determined the only practicable alternative is to fund the installation of a backup generator within the Special Flood Hazard Area prior to the event. Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Responsible Entity: FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Applicant: Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Saraland

Project Title(s): HMGP 4573

Location of Proposed Work and Floodplain Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels:

Site Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Chase Drive Lift Station 40 KW Generator	30.828084, -88.114395	010973C0428L
Cedar Street Lift Station 50 KW Generator	30.824553, -88.059937	010973C0433L
Park Drive Lift Station 80 KW Generator	30.796291, -88.074927	010973C0437L

All Panels effective 6/5/2020. Sites are located within regulatory floodways. Sites are located within or adjacent to wetlands.

Proposed Work and Purpose: This project will provide uninterrupted power to 3 lift stations located in the City of Saraland sewer collection system. These generators have been sized – Cedar Street is a 50 KW generator, Chase Drive is a 40 KW generator and Park Drive will be a 80 KW generator. Cedar Street and Park Drive are located in the SFHA and elevations certificates are included in the application. This project will comply all local and state standards. In the event of power outages from severe weather or other events, the pumps cannot run and sewage will not be pumped to the waste water treatment facility. The generators will have automatic transfer switches that will supply natural gas to the generator to provide backup power generation to the fuel system. As such, no fuel resupply plan is needed. The generator will have a permanent connection to the fuel system that would remain on standby until needed.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *Relocation of facilities outside of the floodplain* – Relocating the facilities would require rerouting sewer main lines, potentially altering public access to certain properties and disproportionately affecting property owners as land is seized for the construction of the new route. The damages to the facilities are limited in scope and the cost of relocation would likely outweigh the cost to repair the damages at current locations. Floodplain avoidance by relocating the facilities is not a practicable alternative and would adversely impact social or economic resources for the community
- (2) *No action alternative* – This alternative is not feasible as the generators at the lift stations are necessary to

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ensure that sewage is pumped to the Saraland Wastewater Treatment Plant during power interruptions.

Comments: This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA HMGP program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "HMGP 4573-F7-S11 Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Saraland Lift Station Generators" at the above addresses within 30 days of the date of this notice.

THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 30th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING

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