

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Knott County Water and Sewer District. 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 Friday, July 29, 2022, for DR-4663 Kentucky Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides. 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 not located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. 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:** Knott County Water and Sewer District  
**Project Title(s):** Knott Water & Sewer District Mobile Generator

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

Site Name	Address	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
KCWSD Carr Creek Water Treatment Plant	7777 Big Branch Rd, Vico, KY 41773	37.232264, -82.996639	21119C0350C <i>(eff. 09/28/2007)</i>
KCWSD Clear Creek Pump Station	4021 KY-721, Hazard, KY 41701	37.293246, -83.072593	21119C0200C <i>(eff. 09/28/2007)</i>
KCWSD Hwy 80 Booster Pump Station	4775 KY-80, Leburn, KY 41831	37.412905, -82.950768	21119C01125D <i>(eff. 09/16/2015)</i>

*Sites are not located within regulatory floodways. Sites are not located within or adjacent to wetlands.*

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** This project is for the purchase of a mobile generator for emergency back-up power to operate either the Clear Creek Pump Station or the Highway 80 Booster Pump Station during power outages. This project will directly aid in keeping the system functioning during extended outages thereby reducing the risk of residents losing potable water services, pump stations sustaining damages, and equipment rental costs.

### Project Alternatives:

- (1) Alternative action** – Installation of underground power lines from the nearest power station/hub directly to the Hwy 80 Booster Pump Station and a stationary generator at the Clear Creek Pump Station. This alternative action would increase the odds that power will be maintained at the pump stations throughout severe events. However, the environmental impacts and cost of this alternative project would be significantly higher.
- (2) No action alternative** – If no action is taken, further damage to infrastructure and county residents without running water can be expected during any event that causes an extended power outage.

**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-DR4663-Knott Water & Sewer District Mobile Generator" at the above addresses within 15 days of the date of this notice.

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