JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE 8/13/2025

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Florida Division of Emergency Management have received the following application for Federal grant funding. Final notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) consideration to provide funding in the form of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Funds will be provided in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

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. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands.

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.

Applicant:

Lee County

Project Title:

HMGP-4673-125-R - Lee County, Green Meadows and Corkscrew WTP, Generators

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations: Fort Myers, Florida, 33913 and Estero, Florida, 33928

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The project will install permanent fixed power generators at 10 well sites to maintain the production of potable water services. The generators will maintain services when the Green Meadows and Corkscrew water treatment plants lose power due to severe weather events.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are

1) the no action alternative and 2) utilize portable generators. These alternatives are not viable because 1) taking no action will leave the Green Meadows and Corkscrew water treatment plants identified well sites vulnerable to power loss and 2) portable generators would be at risk of damage to storm surge, wind and flooding. Due to the circumstances of a severe wind event and existing site conditions, portable generators could not ensure continuity of service during a severe storm.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bureau of Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 15 days of this notice The State will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed. Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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