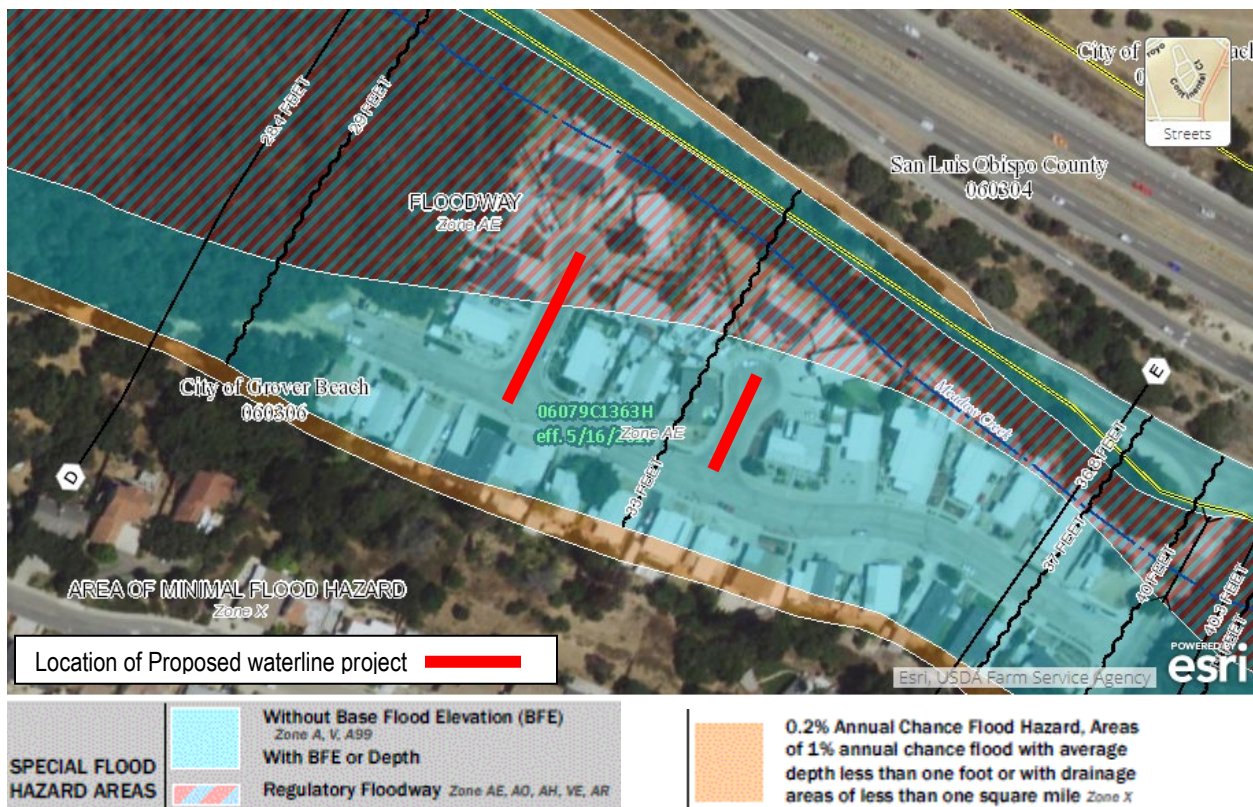




City of Grover Beach Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Grover Beach has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Floodplains Protection. The proposed activity is funded under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The proposed waterlines project is an infrastructure project that proposes to replace/reconstruct existing aged and deficient underground waterlines in a number of locations throughout the City of Grover Beach, including those serving residences on Mono Court and Owens Court, both of which are located in a Special Flood Hazard Area per FEMA maps in Flood Zone AE, as shown below.



While approximately 300 feet of waterlines are proposed to be replaced, approximately 100 feet are located in the regulatory floodway. The area within the regulatory floodway is approximately 5300 square feet, or 0.12 acres. The proposed project will reconstruct the roadways after replacing/reconstructing the waterlines underneath to their pre-construction elevations in order to restore and maintain existing floodplain values. Measures will be implemented to ensure that wetlands located behind the homes on each Court will not be impacted by construction activities.

The City of Grover Beach has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: Three alternatives were considered: 1) Alternative 1 – Replacing the waterlines located in the floodplain with above ground waterlines;

2) Alternative 2 – Use the funds allocated to replace/reconstruct the waterlines located in the floodplain to replace/reconstruct waterlines in other locations in the City that are not located in the floodplain, and; 3) Alternative 3 - the No-Action Alternative - Not proceeding with the proposed project to replace/reconstruct the aging and deficient waterlines in the City.

Alternative 1 was determined to not be a practicable alternative due to there being no practicable options with varying levels of impact to choose between as the waterlines that need replacing/reconstructing are already located within the floodplain and there are no alternative options that would be able to move them out of the floodplain and still serve the existing residences: Above ground waterlines would still need to be placed within the floodplain. Alternative 2 was not considered as a practicable alternative to the proposed project's inclusion of these waterlines for replacement/reconstruction as any substituted waterlines would not be as deficient and as critically in need of replacement/reconstruction. Alternative 3, the No-Action Alternative was considered but is not considered a practicable alternative. The existing waterlines would continue to be substandard and would continue to age and deteriorate negatively affecting the health and welfare of the residents in an increasing degree over time and there are no practicable *Alternative Actions that Serve the Same Purpose*.

The City of Grover Beach has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

1. The proposed improvements will be located below ground and below existing impervious surfaces. No additional impervious surfaces will be added as part of the project so as to preserve existing floodplain values;
2. There are no wetlands on or immediately adjacent to the project area; and
3. The entire project site is covered with impervious surfaces and contain no biological resources that will be impacted by the project.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Grover Beach at the following address on or before April 23, 2020: City of Grover Beach, 154 S. 8th Street, Grover Beach, CA 93433, Attention: Janet Reese, Associate Planner. Comments may also be submitted via email at jreese@groverbeach.org. A full description of the project may be reviewed at the bulletin board at the above address and online at <https://www.groverbeach.org/394/2020-CDBG-Funding>.