

Final Public Notice
Fairfax Pavilion Seismic Retrofit
HMGP # 1731-60-50

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) intends to provide federal financial assistance through a Pre-Disaster Mitigation program grant (Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act (Stafford Act)) to the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) who will then obligate funds to the City of Fairfax (Sub-recipient) in Marin County, California. Pursuant to Title 44, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 9 and Executive order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management) and EO 11990 (Wetlands Protection), FEMA hereby provides interested parties with a notice of its final decision and an explanation of the alternatives that were considered.

The Town of Fairfax intends to create a safe community building which will serve as a space for community activities and in the event of a disaster, the only Town-owned emergency shelter. The Fairfax Pavilion building is 130' x 72' with 9,600 square feet of usable space. The community of Fairfax has approximately 7,500 residents who use the Pavilion on a regular basis. The Town has considered three alternatives: No action, Seismic Retrofit of the building by reinforcing the wooden frames, and building replacement. The Town determined that retrofitting the existing building will be their best option.

The communities participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (Refer to FIRM Panel 06041C0452E effective 3/17/2014.). The project is located within the 100-year flood zones of the Flood Insurance Rate Map for Marin County, California, and the incorporated areas indicates the project is in Special Flood Hazard Area Zones AE which is subject to flooding by the 1% annual chance flood.

FEMA has determined that this alternative is the best mitigation strategy available to Town of Fairfax. The proposal is the most cost-effective mitigation strategy and will address both the short-term and the long-term effects of earthquakes for this structure. The Sub-recipient will ensure that the proposal is carried out as proposed.

Additional information about this proposal can be obtained by writing to FEMA's Environmental Office, FEMA, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, California 94607; fema-rix-ehp-documents@fema.dhs.gov; or by calling (510) 627-7027. All requests should be submitted no later than **May 17, 2018**.