

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING

FRESNO METROPOLITAN FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT 2025 DISTRICT SERVICES PLAN

Date: April 8, 2026

To: Interested Persons, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Other Public Agencies, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, 2025 District Services Plan

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Comment Period: April 8, 2026 to May 9, 2026

PURPOSE OF NOTICE

The Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (District), as Lead Agency, has determined that preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) is required for the proposed 2025 District Services Plan (Project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the *State CEQA Guidelines* (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 et seq.). This Notice of Preparation (NOP) is issued in accordance with *State CEQA Guidelines* Section 15082 to inform responsible and interested agencies, organizations, and members of the public that the District will prepare a PEIR evaluating the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the Project.

The District is requesting input regarding the scope and content of the environmental information and analyses to be included in the PEIR. Agencies and interested parties are invited to review the Project information provided below and submit written comments regarding environmental issues that should be addressed in the PEIR.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The NOP will be circulated for a **30-day public review period** from **April 8, 2026 to May 9, 2026**. Written comments must be received by **5:00 PM, May 9, 2026**.

Comments regarding the scope and content of the PEIR should be submitted to:

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Copies of the full NOP may be reviewed at the following locations:

- Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Office
- Online at <https://www.fresnofloodcontrol.org>

SCOPING MEETING

A public scoping meeting will be held to provide agencies and interested members of the public with an opportunity to provide comments on the environmental issues that should be addressed in the PEIR.

Date: April 29, 2026

Time: 9:00am – 11:00am

Location: Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Conference Center, 5469 E. Olive Ave, Fresno, CA 93727

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to solicit input on the environmental topics and issues that should be analyzed in the PEIR.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Project consists of adoption and implementation of the 2025 District Services Plan (DSP) for the District. The DSP provides a comprehensive framework for planning, constructing, operating, and maintaining regional flood control and stormwater management facilities within the District's service area over the next 10 to 20 years.

The Project would amend the District's Sphere of Influence (SOI) to better align with the City of Fresno's SOI, including the City's Southeast Development Area (SEDA), and expand the District's SOI to incorporate several existing drainage areas that currently extend beyond the District's boundary. Expansion of the SOI would allow the District to plan for and provide regional flood control and stormwater management services in areas expected to urbanize in the future.

Implementation of the DSP would include continued operation and expansion of District programs addressing flood control, rural stream management, local stormwater drainage infrastructure, stormwater quality management, water conservation, recreation, and wildlife habitat. The Project would also support future capital improvement projects identified in the DSP, such as construction and expansion of stormwater basins, pump stations, pipelines, drainage facilities, and related infrastructure necessary to manage stormwater flows and reduce flood risks.

The DSP identifies future infrastructure improvements that may occur within the expanded SOI over time as development occurs. Typical improvements may include stormwater pipelines, retention or detention basins, pump stations, access roads, drainage channels, and associated operational facilities. These improvements would be implemented in phases as needed to accommodate development and maintain adequate flood protection and stormwater management capacity within the District.

PROJECT LOCATION

The Project is located in the north-central portion of Fresno County, California, within the central San Joaquin Valley. The District currently provides flood control and stormwater management services to the Fresno-Clovis metropolitan area and surrounding unincorporated areas.

The proposed SOI expansion areas include the SEDA and several drainage areas located within and adjacent to the boundaries of the City of Fresno, including Drainage Areas CD, CE, CG, EN, and EJ. These areas are generally located within or near the Fresno-Clovis metropolitan region and include both urbanized areas and lands anticipated for future development.

Additional information regarding the Project location and proposed SOI expansion areas is illustrated in Figure 1.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The PEIR will evaluate the potential environmental impacts related to the DSP, after having first established the environmental setting or baseline, for the environmental analysis. The significance of potential impacts, cumulative impacts, and appropriate mitigation measures associated with implementation of the DSP will be thoroughly discussed in the PEIR. The PEIR will be comprehensive and will evaluate each of the environmental issues topics required by CEQA. The individual environmental topics include:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Minerals
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire

In addition, in accordance with Section 15126.6 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, the PEIR will assess a range of reasonable alternatives to the Project. The range of alternatives to be addressed will include alternatives that are specifically required by CEQA (e.g., the No Project Alternative), as well as other alternatives intended to reduce or eliminate potentially significant impacts, as identified through the coordination, consultation, and planning process.