# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Kernville Gleneden Beach Lincoln Beach Water District has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) for funding under its Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) HMGP-DR-FM-4562-OR.

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 Floodplain Management and EO 11990 Wetlands Protection, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide public notice of any proposed actions in, or affecting, floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 Environmental Justice also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for meaningful engagement of people and communities with environmental justice concerns who are potentially affected by Federal activities.

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.

Sub-Applicant: Kernville Gleneden Beach Lincoln Beach Water District (KGBLB)

Project Title: KGBLB Water District Seismic Resiliency Project

#### **Location of Proposed Work:**

- Replace section of north to south transmission with 14- inch HDPE from Westwind Street to NW Lancer Street (through Schoolhouse Swamp area) – 14" dia., 4300 feet (44.873368°, -124.034055°) to (44.862991°, -124.037695°)
- Replace section of north to south transmission with 16- inch HDPE from South Immonen Road to Westwind St – 16" dia., 8,600 feet (44.892026°, -124.020195°) to (44.873368°, -124.034055°)
- Replace section of north to south transmission with 14- inch HDPE from NW Lancer Street to South Reservoir connection on Highway 101 – 14" dia., 7,900 ft (44.862991°, -124.037695°) to (44.842480°, -124.046051°)
- Replace existing 10-inch PVC connection to Central Reservoir with HDPE line (from Westwind Road to tank) 12" dia., 5,330 (44.873368°, -124.034055°) to (44.872615°, -124.020223°)
- Replace existing AC connecting pipeline to South Reservoir with HDPE line 12" dia., 3,500 ft (44.842480°, -124.046051°) to (44.836397°, -124.045218°)

### **Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

Per Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) community map and panel numbers 41041C0235E, 41041C0233E and 41041C0123E dated 10/10/24, the project sites are located in a Regulatory Floodway and Zones A, AE, and VE Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) (100-year floodplain) [Figures 1-3]. There is potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the floodplain. Per the United States Fish

and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory, the work takes place within the existing road footprint and is not located in wetlands.

### **Proposed Work and Purpose:**

Kernville Gleneden Beach Lincoln Beach Water District proposes to replace existing asbestos concrete (AC) pipe with seismically resilient HDPE pipe. This project will harden the water distribution backbone of the District to decrease water outage and improve the ability to restore water following a seismic event.

This work will replace the pipelines in the same general location (some moderate alignment shifts to keep the pipeline in the road). The infrastructure is buried and will have a net zero impact on floodplain elevations.

## **Project Alternatives:**

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would leave the existing AC pipe in place. This product is extremely brittle and is no longer an acceptable material for the construction of potable water pipelines. AC pipes are very susceptible to ground movement and would likely fracture in even a very moderate seismic event.

Alternative #2 (Pipe Replacement) This alternative will replace the existing pipe with a seismically resilient material. Fused HDPE pipe is very flexible, has fused joints to resist pulling apart, and has outstanding resiliency during seismic events. In the Fukushima Earthquake in Japan in 2010, there were no recorded instances of HDPE pipelines failing.

## **Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impact of the proposed project on the community. Interested parties may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project via email at tgross@civilwest.net or in writing to: Attn: Timothy Gross, Civil West Engineering Services, Inc., 409 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport, OR 97365. Please send comments with the subject line: "Kernville Gleneden Beach Lincoln Beach Water District Seismic Resiliency Project COMMENT"

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

**POSTED ON:** *October 16, 2024* 



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