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**INITIAL PUBLIC NOTICE
TRUJILLO CREEK FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT SAN DIEGO COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA BRIC EMF-2020-BR-177-0001**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) intends to provide federal financial assistance under the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program to the Pala Band of Mission Indians in San Diego County, California, to construct two earthen berms along the western edge of Trujillo Creek on the Pala Indian Reservation. The proposed action would mitigate flooding impacts by containing floodwaters and redirecting floodwater back into the primary channel. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and FEMA's implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides interested parties with a notice of its intent to carry out an action affecting a floodplain.

The purpose of the proposed action is to reduce flood hazards. The proposed action consists of the following: 1) constructing a 290-foot long and approximately 50-foot-wide earthen flood berm across the westerly braid of Trujillo Creek, approximately 1,600 feet northeast of the Pala wastewater treatment plant; and 2) constructing a 70-foot-long and approximately 65-foot-wide berm near the northeast end of the Pala wastewater treatment plant along Henderson Road.

The project area is in an Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard as depicted on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 06073C0200F, effective date May 16, 2012. The FIRM shows that the project area lies within Zone D, an area that has possible but undetermined flood hazards. According to hydrology analysis done by the Pala Band of Mission Indians, the Pala Indian Reservation is vulnerable to the effects of 100-year flood flows with a major floodplain associated with Trujillo Creek. Most recently, in February 2019, extensive flooding occurred in the project area.

Additional information about FEMA's proposed action, including maps showing the potential impacts on floodplains, may be obtained by writing the FEMA Region IX Environmental Officer at FEMA, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, California 94607, or fema-rix-ehp-documents@fema.dhs.gov. All requests should be received within 15 days after publication of this notice.