

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
6/19/25**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Florida Division of Emergency Management have received the following application for Federal grant funding. Final notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) consideration to provide funding in the form of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Funds will be provided in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

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 and EO 11990 FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands.

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.

Applicant:

Port of The Islands Community Improvement District

Project Title:

HMGP- 4673-(667)- Port of the Islands Community Improvement District, Water Storage Redundancy and Wellfield Raw Water Pipeline, Wellhead, Infrastructure Retrofit

Location of Proposed Work:

12700 Union Road, Naples, FL 34114

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Mitigation to the Port of the Islands CID well fields, including the main service road, multiple well heads, wellhead backup generator, and Raw water pipeline to raise them vertically above the 500-year base flood elevation and the addition of a 250,000 gallon water tank will protect against flood and severe weather events.

The proposed project will consist of the following elements.

- a. Raising and hardening of the three wellfield sites to protect from potential flooding of the 500-year event. This would include raising the individual wellheads to the 500-year elevation and electrical control panels to a minimum of two feet above the 500-year elevation.*
- b. Raising and hardening of the existing generator and electrical control panels to 500-year event plus.*
- c. Replacement of the existing raw water pipeline with HDPE directional drill pipeline (10-inch diameter to account for increased pipe material thickness). Consideration was given to locating above grade as a ductile iron pipeline on pipe supports; However, this could leave it vulnerable to storm debris and damage.*
- d. Replacement of individual (3) wellhead piping to allow for wellhead hardening.*
- e. Construction of an additional 250,000-gallon potable water tank to provide potable water storage when needed. It will be necessary to construct yard piping for the new facility along with modification of the existing piping. Upon completion of this new tank, repairs can be made to the existing potable water tank. This dual redundancy will serve the District in emergency situations.*

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) Temporary water presents a viable alternative for mitigating challenges associated with a water well field. This

strategic solution entails constructing a temporary large-capacity reservoir to store treated water. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) In the absence of mitigation measures, the POI CID Wellfield is projected to encounter service interruptions approximately biannually, attributing these occurrences to severe weather events and flooding. Such disturbances would precipitate an incapacitation of water supply, impacting an estimated 3,200 individuals. This, in turn, would yield considerable ramifications for the local economy. Furthermore, a disruption in the provision of potable water service bears substantial and multifaceted implications for the fabric of a community. The access to uncontaminated and secure potable water represents a fundamental imperative for upholding human well-being and fostering an operative societal framework. The ensuing elucidation delineates the manifold ways by which an interruption in the dispensation of potable water can reverberate throughout a community. and Alternative 2) example is cost prohibitive, and therefore not practicable.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bureau of Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 15 days of this notice (***or the actual date***). The State will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed. Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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