

Shaw Creek Flood Mitigation

Project update as of 1-20-2015

To date, nearly all of the environmental work has been completed prior to completion of the Environmental Assessment process. The cultural resource surveys and report have been completed.

The hydraulic analysis prepared by West Consultants Inc. is 100 % complete and has been submitted to URS Corporation Inc. and FEMA for the Environmental Analysis process. The next phase will be the completion of the NEPA document. As part of the Environmental Assessment process, a wetland survey is required for the project area. The wetland specialist has identified all potential wetlands and ordinary high water marks in the project area. Wetlands that are considered “jurisdictional” are those that the Corps of Engineers considers “Waters of the United States” under the Clean water Act. The wetland report is now being prepared by Widener and Associates and will be submitted to the Corps of Engineers for issuance of the 404 permit of the Federal Clean Water Act.

The NEPA scoping notice was issued on June 8, 2014 and was closed for public comment on July 8, 2014. A total of 14 comments were received as a result of the scoping notice. Comments received are being utilized by FEMA and URS to identify issues to be addressed in the NEPA document.

FEMA is developing the NEPA document with the assistance of AECOM Corporation. The expected completion date for the NEPA document is the early spring of 2015 with public meetings to be held immediately following the completion of the draft NEPA document. A news release and notification on this web-site will occur when a public meeting is scheduled.

Yakima County has contacted all of the landowners that are directly affected by the possible Shaw Creek relocation corridor or bypass corridor. Additional landowner meetings will be occurring during the planning process.

FEMA, Washington State Emergency Management Division, and Yakima County are involved in the project planning and Environmental Assessment process. If you have any concerns or comments, or would like to discuss the project status, please call:

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Explanation of Project Roles and Responsibilities

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) FEMA has provided the funding for the PDM grant and has overall responsibility for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance program from which this project is funded.

Washington State Emergency Management Division (EMD) is the grant recipient of the PDM grant.

Yakima County Public Services Water Resources Division is the sub grantee and will be handling much of the contacts with stakeholders, landowners, construction contractors, and on-the-ground implementation.

AECOM Corporation Inc. is an engineering consulting firm that has been hired by FEMA to provide the NEPA Environmental Assessment work, cultural resource survey and report, and any additional environmental work.

West Consulting Inc. is an engineering and hydraulic consulting firm that is providing the hydraulic and engineering work including channel design for the project.

