

**Early Notice and Public Review
of a
Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain**

This is to give notice that the Housing Authority of the County of Butte has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for rehabilitation and upgrades to housing units and the administration building of the Housing Authority of the County of Butte under the Five-Year Action Plan Capital Fund Program. The purpose of the Project is to perform modernization and physical maintenance on the interior and exterior of four affordable housing sites in Chico. 95 units contained within 52 buildings are included in the Project and located in a floodplain. The proposed projects are in Chico, CA, Butte County and are located at:

Hazel/Ivy site: 1201-1248 Hazel Street, 1233-1239 Ivy Street. The site consists of 3.46 total acres with approximately 3.0 acres in the AO zone.

La Leita Court site: 1-22 La Leita Court. The site consists of 2.95 total acres with approximately 2.60 acres within the AO zone and 0.25 acres within the AE zone.

Natoma site: 1-30 Natoma Court, 694 E. 12th Street. The site consists of 4.32 total acres with approximately 4.23 acres within the AO zone and 0.09 acres within the AE zone.

Shelton Oaks site: 961-977 Ivy Street. The site consists of 0.73 total acres with approximately 0.59 acres within the AO zone and 0.04 acres within the AE zone.

The Housing Authority of the County of Butte has considered the following alternatives to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: alternative location, reduced project, and no project. All three alternatives were deemed infeasible, as the alternatives will not accomplish the primary objective of the Project- to perform necessary maintenance and modernization to existing HUD buildings.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Information regarding the proposed projects can be reviewed at the Housing Authority of the County of Butte website <http://www.butte-housing.com/> or at the below address between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advisory Notice: Pursuant to current State Public Health directives to shelter-in-place and practice social distancing, interested parties must make an appointment to view or request copies of information pertaining to this notice by contacting Jerry Martin as listed below.

Written comments must be received by the Housing Authority of the County of Butte at the following address on or before **June 9, 2020**. Comments should be sent to:

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