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Review of FEMA HMGP Process for CRFREE Project

Date	Action
September 2018	County Board approval to submit sub-application to CalOES.
May 2020	Concern that causeway is a duplication of programs regarding NHS funding.
February 2021	Determination by CalOES that no duplication of programs exist.
October 2021	Update to cost estimate in sub application
May 2022	FEMA notified County that Environmental Review was necessary
February 2023	FEMA published an intent to publish an Environmental Assessment
February 2023	Update to cost estimate and updated scope of work in sub application
March 2023	Notification from FEMA that EA was pending the USACE came to concurrence with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on consultation regarding the undergrounding of the Carmel Area Wastewater District's (CAWD) pipelines, a CRFREE project mitigation measure
October 2023	USACE brought the dispute to the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation (ACHP) for a ruling
November 2023	ACHP provided a ruling that the USACE had not applied the criteria of adverse effect correctly and was not justified in making a finding of No Adverse Effect for this undertaking. The ACHP proposed that the USACE revise its finding of effect and then proceed to develop a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and historic property treatment plan (HPTP) in consultation with SHPO and other consulting parties.
December 2023	USACE advised SHPO and the County that it had revised its finding of effect and that it would be working with CAWD to develop the HPTP as well as prepare the MOA
February 2024	USACE advised County it had provided a draft MOA and the HPTP to SHPO for review
April 2024	Meeting between USACE and SHPO to try and resolve consultation
May 2024	County meeting with elected officials and the Corps to try and help resolve issue between Corps and SHPO
May 2024	ACOE sent revised MOU to SHPO
July 2024	BSLT meeting with SHPO Director to try and resolve issues between SHPO and ACOE
Sept 2024	Higher level meeting with CNRA counsel, state funding agencies, ACOE, SHPO, County to try and resolve remaining issues
October 2024	SHPO-ACOE MOA and HPTP document finally signed
December 2024	FEMA consultation with SHPO for amendment of CUL-9
February 2025	FEMA finalized Environment Assessment and sent to County, but had to pull the document back to align with Administration Executive Orders
May 2025	FEMA published Environmental Assessment
September 2025	FEMA FONSI approved by FEMA HQ

October 2025	FEMA files Large Project Notification (LPN) to go to OMB and Congress; also awaiting REC- Record of Environmental Consideration – final approval from EHP for funding
November 2025	CalOES, County and BSLT meet; CAL-OES raises concern about fund expiration (Disaster Declaration the FEMA grant funding is under) – January 2027
January 2026	High level meeting with County, BSLT, CalOES, and staff from Congressman and Senators offices to discuss next steps.