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PROJECT WILL ENSURE CLEAN WATER DELIVERY DURING FLOODS

Oakland, Calif. –A \$1.7 million Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District hazard mitigation project will ensure 88,000 Humboldt County area customers have reliable access to clean and safe water during and after flooding of the Mad River.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded \$1.325 million to the District to upgrade and relocate its aging high-voltage switch system that routes power to its water pumps. The grant will also allow the District to relocate and elevate the critical switchgear well above the current identified flood and dam inundation zones. These two actions will help two-thirds of Humboldt County residents recover faster after major flooding by reducing the risk to its water delivery system. The District will contribute \$441,750 to the project.

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program helps States, territories, federally-recognized tribes, local communities and certain private non-profit organizations become more resilient to potential infrastructure damage and reduce future disaster costs.

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