Public Notification Requirements
Community Facilities

§1942.17(j) (9) - Public information:

Applicants should inform the general public regarding the development of any proposed project. Any applicant not required to obtain authorization by vote of its membership or by public referendum, to incur the obligations of the proposed loan or grant, will hold at least one public information meeting. **The public meeting must be held after the pre-application is filed and not later than loan approval**. The meeting must give the citizenry an opportunity to become acquainted with the proposed project and to comment on such items as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project, or any other issue identified by Rural Development**. The applicant will be required, at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to publish a Public Notice of the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the service area, to post a public notice at the applicant's principal office, and to notify Rural Development.**

The applicant will provide Rural Development a copy of the published notice and minutes of the public meeting. A public meeting is not normally required for subsequent loans which are needed to complete the financing of the project.

EXAMPLE LANGUAGE FOR
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

(Print in newspaper 10 days prior to meeting date.)

Notice is hereby given that the <applicant> will hold a Public Hearing on <date, time, and location>.

This will be an informational meeting to discuss the <proposed project>, including economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project, and potential funding sources, including USDA Rural Development. All residents and property owners within the <City/Proposed Service Area> *are encouraged to attend.*