

## **NOTICE OF PREPARATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

This is to inform the general public that the United States Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District (Corps) has preliminarily determined that the following project proposal could be adequately evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) through conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA).

- Proposal Title**                      **Salvadoran Festival / Festival Salvadoreno 2012 at Hansen Dam**  
The public comment period on preparation of an EA for this proposal would extend from September 7 to September 22, 2012
- Proposed Federal Action**        The LA Department of Recreation and Parks (City), the primary recreational facility operator and lessee at Hansen Basin, has submitted a request to the Corps for approval of a Salvadoran Festival special event, on September 30, 2012 from approximately 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. This event is a gathering of Salvadorans now living in and around Los Angeles and is funded by the non-profit Fundansal (Salvadoran Cultural Organization) to celebrate Salvadoran Independence. This is the second time that the event has been held at Hansen Basin. Attendance numbers are estimated at and being prepared for 4000 people, with an anticipation of approximately 1,000 cars, where parking would be accommodated at several City parking areas on the west side of the Basin within the City's leased Hansen Recreation Area. Admission for the event is \$10 and parking is \$10 per vehicle. Supplement number 4 to the recreation lease from Corps to the City reserves the right to the Corps District Engineer, Los Angeles District, to approve special events that will have an anticipated attendance in excess of 1,000 people.
- There will be food, merchandise, and information booths as well as arts and crafts. The event will include speakers and music.
- The group has hired a private security firm for the event. Both LAPD and the Office of Public Safety (the City's in-house police services) are aware of this event and will be in touch with the security company. Parking will occur primarily in the following parking areas: Upper Dronefield; Campground; New overflow; Lower Lake; and Pacoima Little League lots. Additional parking is available at the Sports Center and shuttles will be used if event lots are full.
- Location**                                The Festival Salvadoreno would be held at the Sports Center near Osborne and Foothill Boulevard, Hansen Recreation Area, Hansen Flood Control Basin, Los Angeles County, CA. The proposed event is to be held within an existing established recreation area of turfed and shady open space areas with adequate, accessible parking.
- Public Involvement**                The Corps is inviting the general public to submit comments on potential environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the proposal. **The public comment period on preparation of an EA for the proposal described above would extend from August 7 to September 22, 2012.** Please direct your comments to Carvel Bass, US Army Corps of Engineers at [carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil](mailto:carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil)

or by mail at 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Ste. 11098, Los Angeles, CA, 90017. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Carvel Bass, Ecologist, Asset Management Division at (213) 452-3392.

The Corps will actively consider any comments timely received. The results of this consideration would be reflected in a memorandum for record placed in the Administrative Record, unless consideration of the comments was reflected directly in the EA, either through a modification of the document prompted by the comments or an appendix to the EA articulating responses to the comments. Once the EA is complete and if a FONSI is determined to be appropriate based upon the analysis contained in the EA, pursuant to the last cause of 33 CFR § 230.11, a separate notification will be sent to concerned agencies, organizations and to the interested public stating that the FONSI is available for review. If significant effects on the quality of the human environment are subsequently identified and can not be mitigated to a less than significant level, the Corps will initiate preparation of an EIS and afford the public opportunities to participate in the environmental review process.