



# SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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## PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT HANSEN DAM RECREATION AREA OVERLOOK PARKING LOT

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**Public Notice No.:**

**Comment Period:** October 9-November 10, 2014

**Project Manager:** Carvel Bass, Civil Works Branch, Asset Management Division – (213) 452 3392

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The City of Los Angeles is requesting approval to implement improvements at the ‘Overlook’ Parking Lot at the Hansen Dam Recreation Area, off of Osborne Street, Los Angeles, CA. The area is a portion of lands leased from the Corps of Engineers to City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks, at Hansen Recreation Area. This is considered a predominantly maintenance project to improve public safety. The current condition of heavily worn vehicle space striping and other worn

features, results in disorganized public access/egress and in haphazard and sometimes illegal parking and other dangerous conditions at the Osborne Street parking lot which is a destination for recreation users at the top of Hansen Dam. This can create confusion, congestion, and multiple safety issues. Because the parking lot serves local residents who use the western Hansen Dam locale as an important outdoor recreation area, and to address these issues, the following is proposed for implementation under existing Proposition A funds:

1. Re-pave existing asphalt within the lot.
2. Renovate the informal parking lot into a regulated one, with a single gated entrance and a single gated exit.
3. Stripe the parking lot to delineate individual parking stalls, including Accessible stalls and signage.
4. Add fencing and bumper stops to discourage drivers from accessing Osborne except at entrance and exit points.
5. Delineate a walking path adjacent to the existing bike path to enhance pedestrian safety when traversing the parking lot.
6. Install high-efficiency LED lighting
7. Install outdoor fitness equipment
8. Install trees and irrigation

A concept plan provided, below, illustrates these Proposed Improvements at the Overlook Parking:



The 0.75-acre Overlook parking area would be closed for up to approximately 8-12 weeks or less,

during construction activities. During this period, alternative parking is also available nearby within Hansen Recreation Area, for users who choose this area and the top of the Dam for their recreation. Wildlife, listed species, and historic resources are not anticipated to be adversely impacted by this construction activity. Wildlife does not use this parking area during typical daily construction hours. Listed species and their constituent Critical Habitat elements are not present at this location. The National Register of Historic Places designation does not apply at this parking area and no further coordination is needed with the State Historic Preservation Office.

### **Public Involvement**

The Corps invites 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 and FONSI, for the proposal described above, will extend from October 9 - November 10, 2014, and the Corps will consider all submissions received on or postmarked by August 9. Please direct emailed or written comments to Carvel Bass, at [carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil](mailto:carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil) or 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, US Army Corps of Engineers, 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. If significant effects to the quality of the human environment have been identified and cannot be mitigated to a less than significant level, the Corps will initiate preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement and afford the public opportunities to participate in the environmental review process.

Following the 30-day comment period, once the EA is finalized and if a FONSI is determined to be appropriate based upon the analysis contained in the EA, then a notification which contains the Final EA and FONSI will be provided for their information to concerned agencies, organizations and to the interested public.