

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). This notice announces preparation of a draft Environmental Assessment (dEA) for the proposal and invites public comment.

Proposal Title ONEgeneration Child Care Expansion at Sepulveda Flood Control Basin.

Proposed Federal Action

The Corps is reviewing a construction proposal from the ONEgeneration intergenerational facility, which operates under the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks under a lease from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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Location and Description

The existing ONEgeneration facility is located at 17400 Victory Blvd. Van Nuys, CA 91406, and consists of a building with fenced parking area located on the south side of Victory Blvd. on Federal lands operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). The ONEgeneration facility operates under a Corps recreation lease with the City.

The Proposed Action includes Corps approval for the installation of two above-ground modular buildings, for use as pre-school-age children's classrooms, to enhance an existing pre-school program and to meet current, new space needs. Each modular unit is 65' x 24' and would be placed on existing, available asphalt parking area and would encompass approximately 5,500 square feet in the existing parking lot, and ample parking would remain. The buildings would sit approximately 30" above the existing grade. Both buildings would be joined by a deck and be hooked to existing electrical and other utility connections including a City sewer connection, by means of piping to be trenched into place beneath the existing asphalt area where construction would occur. A wrought iron fence to match existing structures would be placed around the modular buildings for security purposes and would meet all required egress and American Disabilities Act (/ADA) requirements. The City has provided a Ready-to-Issue permit status.

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 for preparation of this draft EA for the proposal described above will extend for 30 days, from November 15 through December 17, 2012 and comments are requested be postmarked or received no later than 6 pm, December 17, 2012.** Please direct your comments to Carvel Bass, US Army Corps of Engineers at 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.