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SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF LOS ANGELES DISTRICT IN-LIEU
FEE PROGRAM ANNUAL ACCOUNT
TRACKING REPORTS

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

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Location

This public notice applies to all in-lieu fee mitigation programs operating within the Los Angeles District (LAD) Regulatory Branch boundaries.

Activity

Posting of annual account tracking reports for in-lieu fee mitigation programs operating in the LAD Regulatory Branch boundaries. The annual reports will be posted on the LAD website at the end of each fiscal year. For more information see page 2 of this notice.

Interested parties are hereby notified that, beginning in October 2005, annual account tracking reports for in-lieu fee mitigation programs operating in the Los Angeles District will be available for review on the LAD webpage at www.spl.usace.army.mil/co/co5.html#reg at the end of each fiscal year.

Background

The in-lieu fee system is a fee-based compensatory mitigation option whereby money is paid by a Corps permit applicant to a third party who assumes responsibility to implement a compensatory mitigation project required as mitigation for a Corps permit action. In-lieu fee arrangements are established between Corps Districts and “conservation-minded” organizations to provide permit applicants with a voluntary, alternative compensatory mitigation option that will result in better designed and managed aquatic resource restoration projects. In-lieu fee arrangements are designed to facilitate a watershed-based approach to aquatic resource management, putting money where there is the greatest opportunity for long-term ecological benefit.

Additional Information

On November 7, 2000, “Federal Guidance on the Use of In-Lieu Fee Arrangements for Compensatory Mitigation Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act” (Guidance) was published in the Federal Register (FR Vol. 65, No. 216, November 7, 2000). The Guidance stipulates that the Corps will track all uses of in-lieu fee arrangements and report those figures by public notice on an annual basis.

The Los Angeles District (LAD) has established several in-lieu fee programs. The formal in-lieu fee agreements for each program are available on our webpage at the address provided on page one of this notice. In consideration of the federal guidance and in an effort to promote public awareness, the LAD determined it would be appropriate to circulate a public notice announcing the availability annual account tracking reports for our in-lieu fee programs on the LAD webpage. The annual account tracking reports will be prepared in a spreadsheet format and will include the project name and Corps file number, acreages and location of permitted impacts, amount and date of funds received, acreage of required mitigation, habitat types impacted and mitigated, and types of mitigation provided (restoration, creation, enhancement, etc.) for each permitted activity for which in-lieu fee mitigation was accepted.

Please be advised the Corps is not seeking public comment on this notice. We are circulating this public notice to notify the public of the availability of annual account tracking reports for Los Angeles District in-lieu fee programs on our webpage.

For additional information please call Lisa Mangione of my staff at (805) 585-2143. This public notice is issued by the Chief, Regulatory Branch.