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SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

Public Notice/Application No.: 200601015-RRS
Comment Period: Comments should be submitted no later than October 9, 2007
Project Manager: Robert Revo Smith Jr. (858) 674-6784

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Los Angeles District, Regulatory Branch is considering an application from the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) for a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to construct the Carryover Storage and San Vicente Dam Raise Project (CSP). The Carryover Storage and San Vicente Dam Raise Project (CSP) would raise the existing San Vicente Dam to provide an additional 100,000 acre-feet (AF) of carryover storage capacity within San Vicente Reservoir. Construction for this capacity would require the dam to be raised by 63 feet. It is important to note that the proposed 100,000 AF capacity would be in addition to the already approved and permitted Emergency Storage Project (ESP), which will provide approximately 52,000 AF of usable emergency storage at the reservoir, and will require the dam to be raised by 54 feet. Following completion of combined ESP/CSP construction, the dam height would be raised by a total of 117 feet, from its existing 220 feet above mean sea level (AMSL), to a final structural height of 337 feet AMSL. The combined ESP and CSP would provide the reservoir with approximately 157,000 AF of additional reservoir capacity, increasing its existing 90,000 AF to a final storage capacity of approximately 247,000 AF. Although the ESP and CSP would be constructed at the same time because separate dam raises would not be viable from a cost or safety standpoint, this description does not include the components of the separate ESP, which is subject to an existing Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Existing 404 Permit).

The primary Federal concern is the discharge of dredge and/or fill materials within waters of the United States and potential impacts on the human environment from such activities. Therefore, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Corps is circulating a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR) prior to rendering a final decision on the Water Authority's permit application. The Corps may ultimately make a determination to permit or deny the above project or permit or deny modified versions of the above project. The Draft EIS/EIR is intended to be sufficient in scope to address the Federal and environmental issues concerning the proposed activities and permit approvals.

Copies of the Draft EIS/EIR are available from the Water Authority at (858) 522-6763 and online at <http://www.sdcwa.org/>. Copies are also available (for review only by appointment) with Kelley Gage at (858) 522-6763 at the Water Authority's office at 4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA and at the following locations: 1) Lakeside Public Library, 9839 Vine St., Lakeside, CA 92040, and 2) Valley Center Public Library, 29200 Cole Grade Rd., Valley Center, CA 92082.

Two public hearings will be held at the Lakeside Community Center, 9841 Vine St., Lakeside, CA, 92040 at 6:30 PM on October 8, 2007 and at Valley Center High School, Maxine Theater, 31322 Cole Grade Rd. Valley Center, CA 92082 at 6:30 PM, on October 4, 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Carryover Storage and San Vicente Dam Raise Project, San Diego County, California

AGENCY: Department of the Army - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD

ACTION: Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Regulatory Branch), in coordination with the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority), has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR) for the Carryover Storage and San Vicente Dam Raise Project (CSP). The Water Authority requires authorization pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for .34 acres of direct fill into waters of the U.S. Two public hearings will be held at the Lakeside Community Center, 9841 Vine St., Lakeside, CA, 92040 at 6:30 PM on October 8, 2007 and at Valley Center High School, Maxine Theater, 31322 Cole Grade Rd. Valley Center, CA 92082 at 6:30 PM, on October 4, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions or comments concerning the Draft EIS/EIR should be directed to Robert Smith, Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 16885 W. Bernardo Dr., Suite 300A, San Diego, CA 92127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.