



PUBLIC NOTICE

Tujunga Wash Channel Water Quality Monitoring Station

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT**

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Public Notice No.: SPL-408-PN-2019-0005

Permit No.: SPL-408-2019-0005

Comment Period: 2019-06-28 to 2019-07-27

Requester: In compliance with U.S.C. Title 33, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, Section 408, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation has requested permission, through the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to alter the Tujunga Wash Channel.

Location:

The proposed action would take place on the east bank of Tujunga Wash Channel, west of the intersection of Albers Street and Alcove Avenue in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. A water quality monitoring station will be installed on top of the existing on levee on the east bank of the Tujunga Wash Channel, and conduits will be installed to run from the sampling equipment to a proposed junction box where the existing 81 inch RCP storm drain discharges into Tujunga Wash Channel. Work would be confined to the top of the levee and side of the channel, and no work would occur within the river.

Requester's Proposed Action:

The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation is proposing to install a water quality monitoring station, which would include a concrete pad with pole mounted solar panels adjacent to an existing storm drain outlet on the east bank of the Tujunga Wash Channel. An enclosed portable autosampler would be installed on top of the concrete pad, which would be further enclosed by a chain link fence. The sampler and monitoring enclosure would measure 4 ft long x 2 ft 8 in wide x 6 ft high. Conduits would be installed to run from the sampling equipment to a proposed junction box where the existing 81 inch RCP storm drain discharges into Tujunga Wash Channel. The purpose of the project is to conduct water quality monitoring of stormwater per requirements of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's Upper Los Angeles River Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program dated August 2015.

Authority: The authority to grant permission for temporary or permanent use, occupation or alteration of any USACE Civil Works project is contained in Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended, codified at 33 USC 408 ("Section 408"). Section 408 authorizes the Secretary of the Army, on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, to grant permission for the alteration or occupation or use of a USACE project if the Secretary determines that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project. The Secretary of Army's authority under Section 408 has been delegated to the USACE, the Chief of Engineers. The Chief of

Engineers has further delegated the authority to the USACE, Directorate of Civil Works and Division and District Engineers, depending upon the nature of the activity.

Limits of Section 408 Authority: A requester has the responsibility to acquire all other permissions or authorizations required by federal, state, and local laws or regulations, including any required permits from the USACE Regulatory Program under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC Section 1344), and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 USC 1413). In addition, an approval under Section 408 does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges nor does it authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

Consideration of Comments: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State and local agencies and officials, and other interested parties. Comments will be made part of the record, and they will be considered before permission is granted to proceed with this action. Please limit comments to the area of the alteration and those adjacent areas that would be directly or indirectly affected by the alteration described in this public notice.

Submission of Comments: Interested parties may submit, in writing, any comments concerning this proposal. Comments should reference public notice no. SPL-408-PN-2019-0005 and be forwarded by the comment due date of July 27, 2019. Comments must be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Engineering Division, ATTN: Priyo Majumdar, 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 930, Los Angeles, California 90017-3409. Alternatively, comments can be sent electronically to Priyodarshi.Majumdar@usace.army.mil.

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