



PUBLIC NOTICE

Santa Ana River Channel and the San Timoteo Creek Channel 12 inch HDPE Brine Line

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

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Public Notice No.: SPL-408-PN-2019-0011

Permit No.: SPL-408-2019-0011

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 Beaumont, through the San Bernardino County Flood Control District (SBCFCD), has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to alter the Santa Ana River Channel and the San Timoteo Creek Channel.

Location:

The proposed action would install a 12 inch diameter HDPE brine line via attaching it to the deck of the existing E Street Bridge over Santa Ana River Channel in the city of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California. The proposed action would also install an underground crossing of a 12 inch diameter HDPE brine line via horizontal directional drilling under San Timoteo Canyon Road Bridge over San Timoteo Creek south of West Fern Avenue in the city of Redlands, San Bernardino County, California. The proposed features will not require construction within the channels.

Requester's Proposed Action:

The City of Beaumont is proposing to install a 12 inch diameter HDPE brine line via attaching it to the deck of the existing E Street Bridge over Santa Ana River Channel, to continue underground along SBCFCD's north levee access road for approximately 22 feet. Approximately 650 linear feet of the brine line will be placed within an 18 inch diameter steel casing underneath the bridge deck. Under San Timoteo Creek below the San Timeoteo Canyon Bidge, a 12 inch diameter HDPE brine line will cross the creek approximately 17.47 feet below channel bottom, to be installed via horizontal directional drilling. The purpose of the project is for the City of Beaumont (City) to comply with requirements of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (SARWQCB) to expand the treatment capacity and improve treatment methods at the City WWTP. The concentrated brine waste to be generated from such operations would need to be properly disposed of to the nearest connection point of the Inland Empire Brine Line (IEBL, formerly the Santa Ana River Interceptor or SARI line), which is located on the right bank of the Santa Ana River, upstream of E Street Bridge.

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-2019-0011 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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