



PUBLIC NOTICE

San Gabriel River Channel Geotechnical Exploration

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

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Public Notice No.: SPL-408-PN-2019-0016

Permit No.: SPL-408-2019-0016

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 Pico Rivera, through the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to perform geotechnical borings on the San Gabriel River Channel levee crest and to perform non-destructive seismic refraction survey in the same general location.

Location:

The proposed action would involve the collection of one geotechnical boring each at the east and west levee crest of the San Gabriel River Channel south of Whittier Boulevard and west of I-605 (San Gabriel River Freeway) in the city of Pico Rivera, Los Angeles County, California. The proposed action would use rotary wash drilling techniques to drill down to 100 feet below ground surface. No work would occur within the river.

Requester's Proposed Action:

The City of Pico Rivera is proposing to drill down 100 feet below ground surface to obtain two soil borings using rotary wash drilling techniques. Immediately after the drilling is complete, the bore holes will be backfilled with cement-bentonite slurry using tremie-grouting technique. A truck-mounted rotary wash rig will be used to drill through the soil. The diameter of the borings will be approximately 4 to 6 inches. The upper 5 feet will be excavated using a hand auger technique to ensure there is no conflict with underground utility. Additionally, a non-destructive seismic refraction survey will be performed near the proposed pier locations in support of the soil borings. Access to the river would occur on foot, and no vegetation would be removed or ground disturbance would occur. The purpose of the project is to collect geotechnical information for the design of a future bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the San Gabriel River near the intersection of Holbrook Street and Pico Vista Road.

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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