Santa Paula Creek



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LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Santa Paula Creek is a tributary of the Santa Clara River in the vicinity of the City of Santa Paula, Ventura County, about 16 miles from the ocean & approximately 60 miles Northeast of Los Angeles. The authorized project consists of approximately 1.65 miles of soft bottom trapezoidal channel with grouted stone side slopes and flood walls on Santa Paula Creek. The flood risk to the community is associated with high intensity rainfall events transporting and depositing large volumes of sediment in the project area. Without the project in-place, these events could be extremely destructive to commercial and residential properties, and local, highway and railroad bridges, with potential for loss of life. Periodic operations and maintenance (O&M) of the project is necessary for flood risk management. O&M removes and relocates sediment that deposits after moderate to large storm events and allows for migratory fish passage.

AUTHORIZATION: Flood Control Act 1948 (HD 443/08/1), WRDA 1992, Section 114(b), 31 Oct 92

ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2017: Provided the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) a new Biological Assessment and consult with NMFS on a revised Operations and Maintenance (O&M) plan for the project

FY18 PLANNED ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Carryover funding will be used to complete consultation with NMFS on project O&M and provide a new O&M manual to the sponsor, Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD), along with a new Biological Opinion (BO)

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:	Construction
Estimated Federal Cost	\$51,150,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$1,600,000
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$52,750,000
Allocation thru FY16	\$51,150,000
Allocations for FY17	0
President's Budget for FY18	TBD
House Report for FY18	TBD
Senate Report for FY18	TBD
Balance to Complete After FY18	\$0

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: A letter of Notification of Construction completion was sent to the sponsor on 14 May 2014. O&M activities are currently limited to those features outside the channel invert and above the ordinary high water mark until a final BO is rendered with implementable reasonable and prudent measures. A revised final Operation and Maintenance, Repair, Replacement and Rehabilitation Manual will be provided to VCWPD at that time. Sediment Removal efforts last completed Jan 2010. No additional sediment removal is likely until the jeopardy biological opinion is revised.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Congresswoman Brownley (CA-26)

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