



PUBLIC NOTICE

San Jose Creek Channel – Groundwater monitoring wells

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Public Notice No.: SPL-408-PN-2020-0006

Permit No.: SPL-408-2020-0006

Comment Period: 2020-03-16 to 2020-04-15

Requester: In compliance with U.S.C. Title 33, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, Section 408, Quemetco, Inc., through the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to alter San Jose Creek Channel.

Location:

The proposed action would install three 4-inch diameter groundwater monitoring wells on top of the levee road on the north side of San Jose Creek Channel in the city of Industry, Los Angeles County, California. The proposed features are not inside the channel, and will therefore not require construction within the channel.

Requester's Proposed Action:

Quemetco, Inc. is proposing to install three 4-inch diameter groundwater monitoring wells on the levee road on the north side of San Jose Creek Channel using rotosonic drilling equipment. The wells will be protected inside flush-mounted well boxes that can be driven over. Soil cuttings generated from the drilling will be removed immediately after the wells are installed. Staging of the operation would not require access into the channel, and would occur from 7th Avenue and the north levee road. The purpose of the project is to enable ongoing testing for potential impacts to groundwater related to the Quemetco Facility located at 720 South 7th Avenue, City of Industry. The three new wells are being installed to replace the two existing wells on the levee road that were installed in 2007 and to monitor other potential water bearing zones.

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-2020-0006 and be forwarded by the comment due date of April 15, 2020. 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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