



PUBLIC NOTICE

Santa Anita Wash – Santa Anita Debris Dam (SADD) Seismic Strengthening Project

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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Public Notice No.: 408-SPL-PN-2020-0022

Permit No.: 408-SPL-2020-0022

Comment Period: 2020-06-17 to 2020-07-16

Requester: In compliance with U.S.C. Title 33, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, Section 408, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to alter the Santa Anita Debris Dam on Santa Anita Wash Channel.

Location:

The proposed action would remedy the seismic deficiencies at the SADD at the eastern end of Carolwood Drive and east of Highland Oaks Drive in the city of Arcadia, Los Angeles County, California. The proposed features are in-river, which will require construction within the channel.

Requester's Proposed Action:

LACFCD is proposing to buttress approximately 700 linear feet of spillway walls and invert with reinforced concrete, vertically raise the spillway walls at the spillway by approximately 12 inches, construct approximately 12 inch high parapet walls on the upstream side of the crest of the dam, replace the existing outlet tower and catwalk, modify the existing inlet/outlet works, reline the existing 48-inch outlet drain that connects with the intake tower with a cure-in-place pipe liner, replace the asphalt concrete access roads on the crest and downstream side of the dam with concrete, construct a new 645-foot-long concrete access road on the upstream side of the debris dam (integrated into the buttress), install additional monitoring equipment, and replace riprap on the upstream and downstream faces of the dam.

The purpose of the project is to remedy the existing seismic deficiencies at the debris dam in order to improve public safety and reduce flood risk to downstream communities. The improvements to intake tower, embankments and spillway are needed to remove the operation restrictions placed on the facility by the State of California Department of Water Resources – Division of Safety of Dams.

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). The compliance determination for any Section 10/404/103 permit decision associated with the proposed alteration will also address the Section 408 compliance determination. 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. 408-SPL-PN-2020-0022 and be forwarded by the comment due date of July 16, 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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