

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Sawpit Wash Channel – RHSGR-SAW-PR Water Quality Monitoring Station Installation.

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

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Public Notice No.: 408-SPL-PN-2020-0028

Permit No.: 408-SPL-2020-0028

**Comment Period**: 2020-09-24 to 2020-10-23

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

#### Location:

The proposed action would construct an autosampler monitoring station to collect stormwater samples from Sawpit Wash Channel south of Live Oak Avenue and east of Peck Road on the east bank of the channel in the City of Arcadia, Los Angeles County, California. Minor amounts of proposed features would be constructed within the channel.

#### **Requester's Proposed Action:**

The proposed project involves constructing a 72" x 39" x 4" concrete pad with a JoBox chest to house the autosampler (containing bottles, meters for water quality characteristic and flow, battery, and tubing), associated conduits along the inside channel wall, and a junction box at the channel invert. The autosampler would be connected to a newly constructed sampling conduit/tubing, which would be protected by a traffic rated conduit cover that would run from the channel wall to the autosampler. Staging would occur on top of the east bank of the channel adjacent to the existing access road where Peck Boulevard crosses the channel. Construction of the monitoring stations would take approximately two weeks to complete and work within the channel would be completed outside of any stormflows in the channel.

The purpose of the project is to meet compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit Order R4-2012-0175.

**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. 408-SPL-PN-2020-0028 and be forwarded by the comment due date of October 23, 2020. Comments must be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Engineering Division, ATTN.: John Lei, 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 930, Los Angeles, California 90017-3409. Alternatively, comments can be sent electronically to John.Q.Lei@usace.army.mil.

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