



PUBLIC NOTICE

Santa Ana River Reach 4 – Geotechnical Investigation for Market Street Bridge Replacement Project

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Public Notice No.: SPL-408-PN-2020-0032

Permit No.: SPL-408-2020-0032

Comment Period: 2020-09-16 to 2020-10-15

Requester: In compliance with U.S.C. Title 33, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, Section 408, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFCWCD) has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to alter the Riverside 1 Levee System (northernmost section) of San Antonio River Reach 4.

Location:

The proposed action would conduct geotechnical borings below and around the existing Market Street Bridge over Santa Ana River Reach 4, northwest of the intersection of Market Street and Highway 60, in the City of Riverside, Riverside County, California. The proposed features are in-river, which would require construction within the channel.

Requester's Proposed Action:

RCFCWCD is proposing to conduct up to nine geotechnical borings – one to approximately 40 ft depth at the eastern abutment of the Market Street Bridge, and eight borings to approximately 130 ft depth within the Santa Ana River Channel below and the vicinity of the Market Street Bridge. All borings would be 8 inch in diameter. Soil cuttings from borings would be temporarily stored onsite in 55-gallon drums, tested for contaminants, and then disposed of offsite. Existing ECFCWCS access roads would be utilized by the drill rig to access the boring locations. Therefore, no vegetation is anticipated to be removed as part of this action. The borings in the river channel would be backfilled using a mixture of the soil removed during the boring with some slurry and water to ensure the borings are restored back to their original compaction. All equipment and machinery would be removed from the riverbed each night and stored at an off-site location. All equipment would be removed from the channel to prevent theft or destruction of machinery. It is anticipated that the work would be completed within approximately four (4) working days.

The purpose of the project is to determine the footing and abutment types for the proposed replacement of the existing Market Street Bridge with a new, wider structure.

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 would not be injurious to the public interest and would 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 would 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 would be made part of the record, and they would 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-2020-0033 and be forwarded by the comment due date of October 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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FIGURE 1
Project Location
Market Street Bridge Replacement Geotechnical Investigations
City of Jurupa Valley and City of Riverside, Riverside County California