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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY AND PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Comment Period: August 26, 2021 to September 25, 2021

Direct comments to: Mr. Priyodarshi Majumdar (see below)

Notice of Preparation

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR ALTERATION/MODIFICATION TO WILSON CANYON CHANNEL, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FOR JACK AND BORE TO INSTALL UTILITY PIPING FOR OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER PROJECT

In compliance with U.S.C. Title 33, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, Section 408, County of Los Angeles, through the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to alter and/or modify the Wilson Canyon Channel by conducting jack and bore tunneling under the Wilson Canyon Channel adjacent to Olive View-UCLA Medical Center to install an approximate 8 inch diameter sewer line and an approximate 6 inch diameter power conduit (Requester's Proposed Action) in the city of Sylmar, Los Angeles County, California. The Los Angeles District of the Corps is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Requester's Proposed Action. Specifically, the Requester's Proposed Action entails excavating a boring pit via open cut to a maximum depth of 20 feet, with the caisson crossing a minimum of 5 feet 9 inches below the bottom of Wilson Canyon Channel. The jack and bore excavation pits for construction purposes would be outside of the channel footprint. The existing Wilson Canyon Channel would not be disturbed either on the interior or on the exterior. Access for construction vehicles is available from existing roads and parking lots adjacent to the channel. Construction staging and material placement would be in the construction right-of-way inside the Restorative Care Village site.

The Corps is requesting comments pertaining to the Requester's Proposed Action from federal, state, local agencies, and interested public that would lead to the determination by decision makers on the preparation of a Finding of No Significant Impact or whether an Environmental Impact Statement would be required.

The Corps is the lead Federal agency for the Requester's Proposed Action. The Environmental Assessment is being prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), Federal laws and regulations, Executive Orders, and Corps' policies. Comments received will be considered in determining whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required or whether a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) can be issued.

The purpose of the project is to deliver utilities (both electric and sewer) between the existing manhole and the Recuperative Care Center and five Residential Treatment Program buildings. The project is needed to permanently support and address the sewer and electrical demands of growing healthcare needs at the Olive View-UCLA Medical Center Campus (medical center). The Requester's Proposed Action would result in less than significant individual and cumulative effects on the environment, social, or cultural resources, with implementation of standard avoidance and minimization measures. The excavation pits for jack and bore operation would be outside of the channel footprint, and the utility pipes would be installed underneath the channel thus entailing minimal ground disturbance. Construction of the Requester's Proposed Action would not result in the permanent loss of waters of the United States.

The Requester's Proposed Action would be in compliance with the Endangered Species Act. Structural modifications would have no effect on historic properties protected under the National Historic Preservation Act. The Requester's Proposed Action would be in compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. A separate Section 404 permit pursuant to the Clean Water Act would not be required for the Requester's Proposed Action.

All comments must be received by 5 p.m. on September 25, 2021.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Priyodarshi Majumdar at (213) 452-3661. Comments should be sent to:

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