



PUBLIC NOTICE

Water Line Replacement Project No.
1D11F5 at Hansen Dam

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

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Comment Period: January 26, 2022 to February 25, 2022
Direct Comments To: Lieutenant Colonel Malia R. Pearson

LOCATION:

The Corps seeks to replace the fragile and deteriorating water line originating from the City's water main to the control house at Hansen Dam in Pacoima and Lakeview, California. This area of Hansen Dam is bordered by Hansen Dam Golf Course on the downstream side (east, south and west).

PURPOSE AND NEED:

During a small 2019 construction project adjacent to the Hansen Dam control house, a water line was hit with a shovel and broke the pipe causing a small flooding situation outside the building. It was determined by the technical team that the original water line is most likely compromised due to age and deterioration and should be pressure tested for viability and replaced if required.

THE PROPOSED ACTION: The project will facilitate the municipal water delivery to the Control House from LADWP supply by replacement of the ageing and degrading waterline from the Control House to the shut off valve located on the golf course. The proposed actions consist of the following activities:

The Contractor must investigate the location of the current water line and provide detailed drawings for government review showing the location of the existing waterline for the Hansen Dam Control House to the shut off valve that is located on the golf course. Upon the location of the existing waterline the contractor must install a new waterline in the same location as the existing.

The Contractor must dig a trench the entire length of the existing waterline. Any landscaping material, plants, topsoil, and excavated material must be saved to be reused upon back fill of the trench. The contractor must remove the existing waterline that is located between the newly installed shut off valve at the top of the crest to the shut off valve that is in the golf course. The Contractor must dispose of the old waterline off site at the location of their choosing.

The Contractor must replace the previous waterline with a new pipe using the same trench and path that was dug to remove the old waterline. The Contractor must not damage either of the shut off valves at either end of the waterline. The Contractor must utilize the excavated and saved materials for any backfill and restoration needs after the new waterline has been installed. After the trench has been backfilled the environment and the landscape must appear to be undisturbed and look as it did prior to any trenching.

HABITAT: The proposed activity is located between the Hansen Dam Golf Course and outlet channel of Hansen Dam. At the southernmost terminus of the project area, habitat consists of a large open space of disturbed gravel that would be well suited for a staging area. This bare habitat shifts to a vegetative area of invasive ice plant, then transitions to a scrubland alliance consisting of *Salix exigua*, *Artemisia californica* and *Lepidospartum squamatum*. There are several bunches of California prickly pear which serve as suitable nesting habitat for migratory birds.

Special Status Species: This activity has potential to affect nesting birds that may be in the shrubland habitat directly adjacent to the existing waterline. It is best that this activity occurs outside of nesting season (September 15- March 15). If the proposed project must occur during nesting season, a qualified biologist will implement conservation measures to comply with the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

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-PN-2022- 0001 and be forwarded by the comment due date of February 25, 2022. Comments must be sent to LTC Malia Pearson, malia.r.pearson@usace.army.mil.

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