

SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Notification of Preparation of Environmental Assessment - American Heroes Hansen Recreation Area at Hansen Dam and Flood Control Basin

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

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Public Notice No.: SPL-2015-003-CHB American Heroes Festival, Hansen Recreation

Area

Comment Period: May 7-22, 2015 **Project Manager:** Carvel Bass

NOTICE OF PREPARATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

This is to inform the general public that the United States Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District (Corps) has preliminarily determined that the following project proposal could be adequately evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) through conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA).

Proposal Title American Heroes Festival at Hansen Dam Sports Center

Proposed Federal Action Proposed Implementation Date: Saturday, 6/20/2015

Proponent The City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks (RAP) would hold a one-

day special event commemorating the American Heroes who serve the public, at the Hansen Dam Sports Center. The event will feature a static display of helicopters only, military vehicles and civilian rescue equipment, local politicians and celebrity speakers, and a rescue and/or

fire demonstration of helicopter landing and take-off. In addition to the opportunity for a paid, short helicopter ride, food and drink vendors would also be present and would also provide sales at this otherwise

free event with free parking.

Location The subject area is located at the Hansen Dam Sports Center which

is in the Hansen Dam Basin recreational area with access from the surrounding Los Angeles community streets and avenues. The proposed area is an existing outdoor Sports Center locale that was designed and built to be used as a recreational sports location to

serve the community and for holding special large-scale events on a case by case basis. Parking is available at two regularly-used areas.

Public Involvement

The Corps is inviting the general public to submit comments on potential environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the proposal. The public comment period on preparation of an EA for the proposal described above would extend from 7-22 May, 2015. Please direct your comments to Carvel Bass, US Army Corps of Engineers at carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil or by mail at 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Ste. 11098, Los Angeles, CA, 90017. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Carvel Bass, Ecologist, Asset Management Division at (213) 452-3392.

The Corps will actively consider any comments timely received. The results of this consideration would be reflected in a memorandum for record placed in the Administrative Record, unless consideration of the comments was reflected directly in the EA, either through a modification of the document prompted by the comments or an appendix to the EA articulating responses to the comments. Once the EA is complete and if a FONSI is determined to be appropriate based upon the analysis contained in the EA, pursuant to the last cause of 33 CFR § 230.11, a separate notification will be sent to concerned agencies, organizations and to the interested public stating that the FONSI is available for review. If significant effects on the quality of the human environment are subsequently identified and can not be mitigated to a less than significant level, the Corps will initiate preparation of an EIS and afford the public opportunities to participate in the environmental review process.

