



SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

PERSIAN NEW YEAR FESTIVAL “SIZDEH BEDAR”

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

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Public Notice No.: SPL-2015-CHB-2 Persian Festival at Woodley Park

Comment Period: March 10-March 25, 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). This Notice solicits comments from the Interested Public

Proposal Title Persian New Year Festival (*Sizdeh Bedar*)
at Woodley Park, Sepulveda Flood Control Basin

Proponent City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks

Proposed Implementation Date March 29, 2015, 10 am – 6 pm

Proposed Federal Action Los Angeles Parks and Recreation would exercise its Recreation Outgrant from the US Army Corps of Engineers.

The one-day Persian New Year Festival (*Sizdeh Bedar*) is proposed to be held on Sunday, March 29, 2015, at Woodley Park within Sepulveda Recreation Area. The Festival is an annual one-day cultural event that will host approximately 6,000 individuals and up to approximately 3,800 vehicles, featuring music, arts, and food. Woodley Park is the primary designated Large Events area at Sepulveda Recreation Area. The City of Los Angeles Fire and Police Departments, in cooperation with the Event Promoter and staff, will provide Public Safety and Traffic/Parking oversight at the Event.

The Event would charge admission of \$10 per adult, with reduced price for children. Parking is free. Advance notice to the public regarding the Event and its traffic and parking will be made available by the City and the Event organizer. For purposes of Festival set-up and operations, Woodley Avenue will be partially restricted such that one of the southbound lanes on Woodley will be closed, from Victory Blvd. and for about one mile heading south into Sepulveda Basin. All temporary parking and

other Event areas will be cleaned and reopened to the general down within 24-hours following close of the Event.

On-site Parking will be available for up to approximately 3,800 cars, at two locations which include the Corn Maze area just south of Woodley Park, and at the unsurfaced Overflow parking area just west of Woodley Avenue and connected to Woodley Park by an underground pedestrian tunnel. Use of the Orange Line Busway which terminates near Woodley Avenue is also being encouraged as an alternative to using vehicles. Parking areas next to sensitive environmental areas will be monitored so that event-goers will be guided toward established trails or paths which lead to the Event.

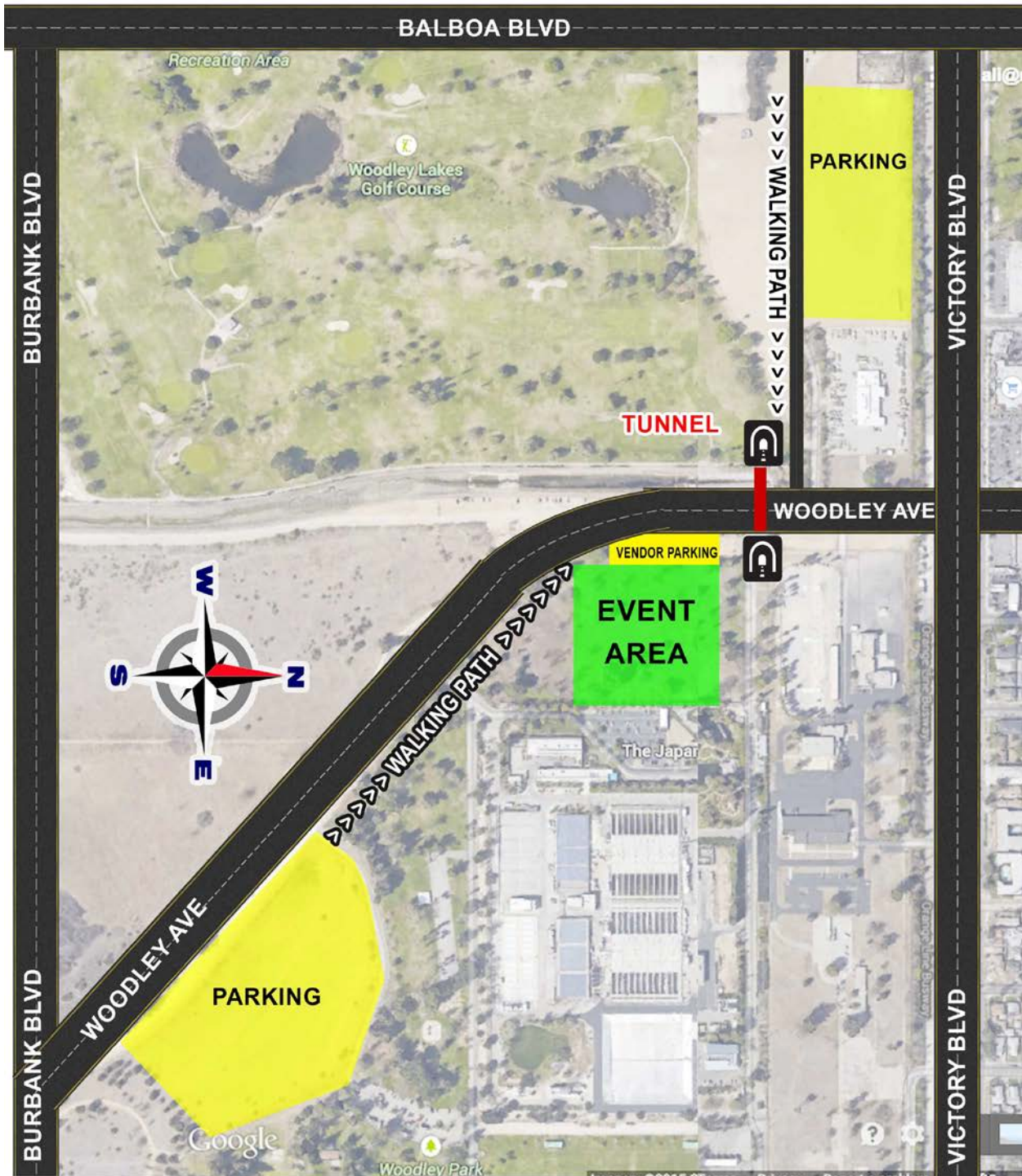
Public Involvement

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 review process. The Corps is inviting the general public to submit comments on potential environmental impact 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 **March 10 – April 25, 2015**. Please direct your comments to carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil , or by mail to

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If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact either
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PERSIAN EVENT - WOOLDEY PARK MARCH 29, 2015 [SUNDAY] 10:00 - 6:00 AM



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