



# SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **Supplemental Environmental Assessment/SEA to Remove a Sediment Stockpile**

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**Public Notice No.:** SPL-2015-CHB-1-Sediment Stockpile Management at Santa Fe Basin

**Comment Period:** March 6 – April 6, 2015

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### **NOTICE OF PREPARATION DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL 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 a Supplementary Environmental Assessment (SEA), which is currently being prepared.

**Proposed Implementation Date:** **During Spring, 2015**  
**Proposed Federal Action** **Corps of Engineers would remove a sediment stockpile from Santa Fe Basin**

Within western Santa Fe Flood Control Basin which is operated for Flood Risk Management, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Asset Management Division, USACE) would update an easement and Operating Agreement for a contractor to dismantle, process, and remove a sand/gravel sediment stockpile, which is located in a Corps Operations area west of the San Gabriel Riverbed and east of the 605 Freeway. The location was historically used for temporary placement during operations by Los Angeles County and USACE. The Corps is preparing a Supplementary Environmental Assessment (SEA) to analyze effects of the proposed removal which would utilize on-site processing with haul trucks carrying the materials to commercial locations outside the Basin. The present SEA examines alternative routes and processing areas to achieve the project's purpose and need.

The stockpile contains up to approximately 500,000 cubic yards of mineral materials. The project life cycle may involve moving up to 100, 14-yd haul truck round trip, each weekday, between Santa Fe Basin and local freeways, over a period of up to 1.5 years or more. Local agencies already contacted have provided input to help determine concerns and likely environmental impacts, appropriate levels of haul truck traffic, and routes within municipalities which could be involved in the sediment operation. Proposed hours of haul truck operation and processing are 5 am-5 pm, weekdays, with additional

potential for Saturday processing and/or hauling should this be deemed feasible and absent significant environmental impact.

**Purpose and Need**

Since the 1980's, excavated mineral sediments from past and present Basin operation, was placed at the present location as temporary placement. As described in an earlier (2013) FEA/FONSI, the Corps included a sediment volume 'allotment' in its design of Santa Fe Dam/Basin. The intent of such allotment is for basin sediment accumulation to be temporary and for active sediment accumulation to be followed by removal, to retain the maximum *flood storage space* at Santa Fe Basin and thus more ably accommodate the annual large storm inflows for which the Dam was built. The Proposal would improve safety conditions around and downstream of Santa Fe Flood Control Basin because removing this volume of sediment *from* the Basin would help restore design-allocated flood control space *within* the Basin. The SEA process assists to finalize an approved Action Area, as well as methods for processing and transporting the stockpile materials from acceptable Basin exit/entry locations to freeways located outside the Basin.

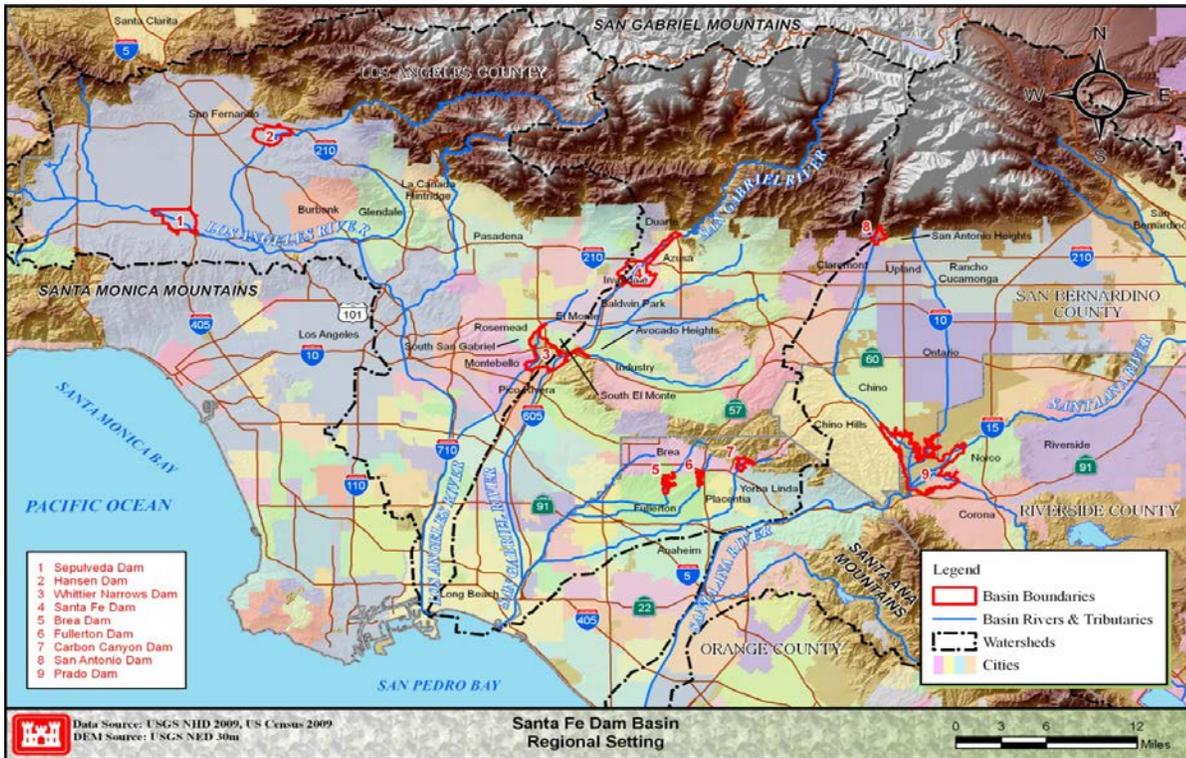
**Location**

The location is Santa Fe Flood Control Basin, located in Irwindale and Duarte, CA. Several Figures indicating the proposed Work Area are provided below and in the draft SEA.

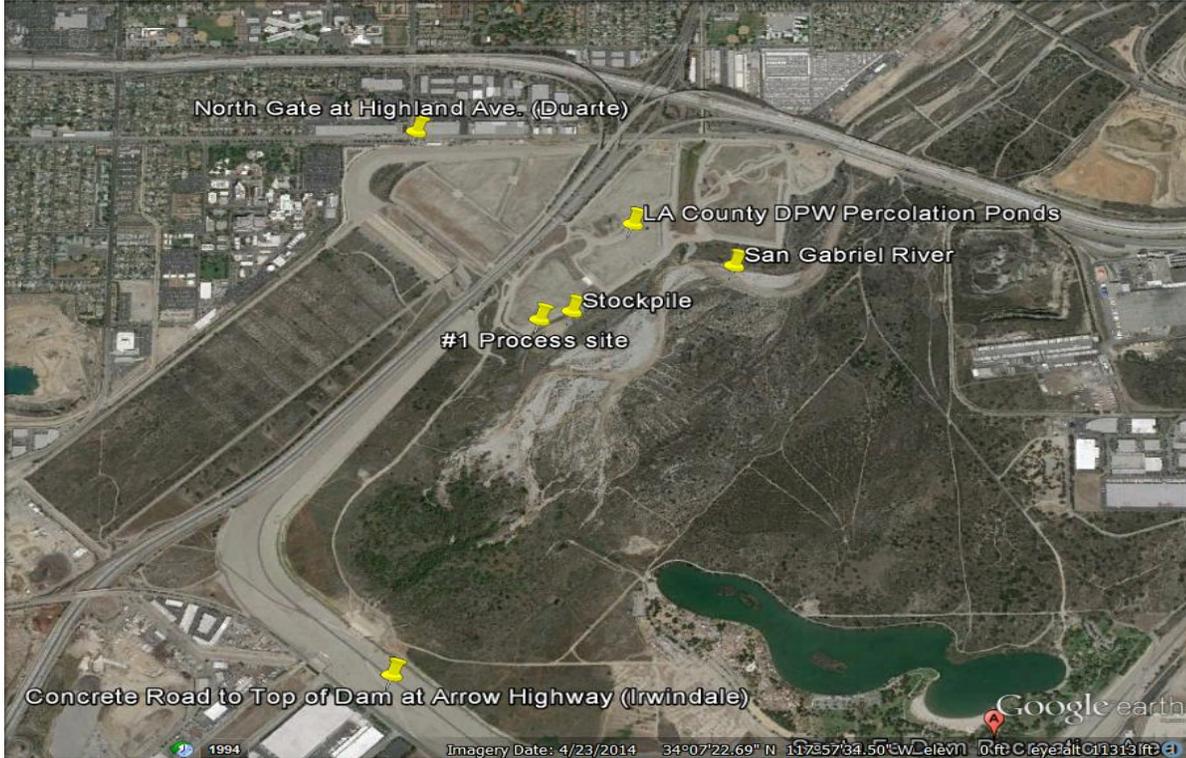
**Public Involvement**

The Corps is inviting the general public to submit factual input and other comments on potential environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the proposal noticed here. The public comment period on preparation of the SEA for the proposal described above would extend from **March 6-April 6, 2015**. Please direct your comments to Carvel Bass, US Army Corps of Engineers at [carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil](mailto: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. 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 EA/FONSI are available for review. If significant effects on the quality of the human environment are subsequently identified and may not be mitigated to a less than significant level, the Corps will initiate preparation of an EIS.

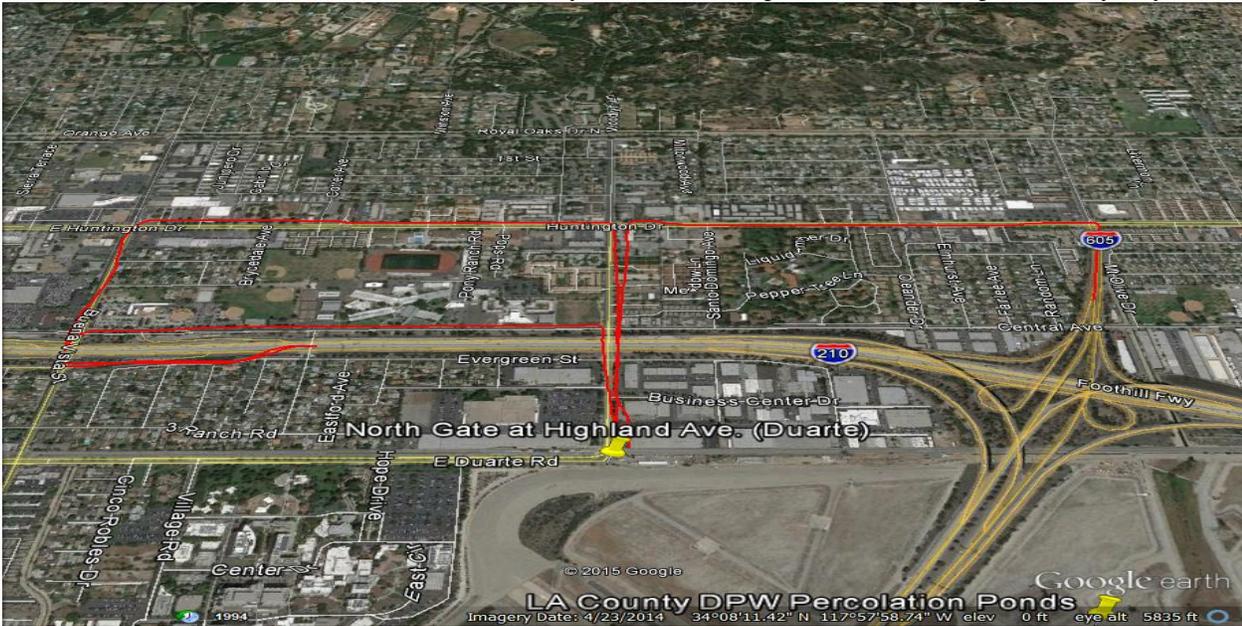


**ABOVE: Santa Fe Dam and Basin - Regional Setting.**

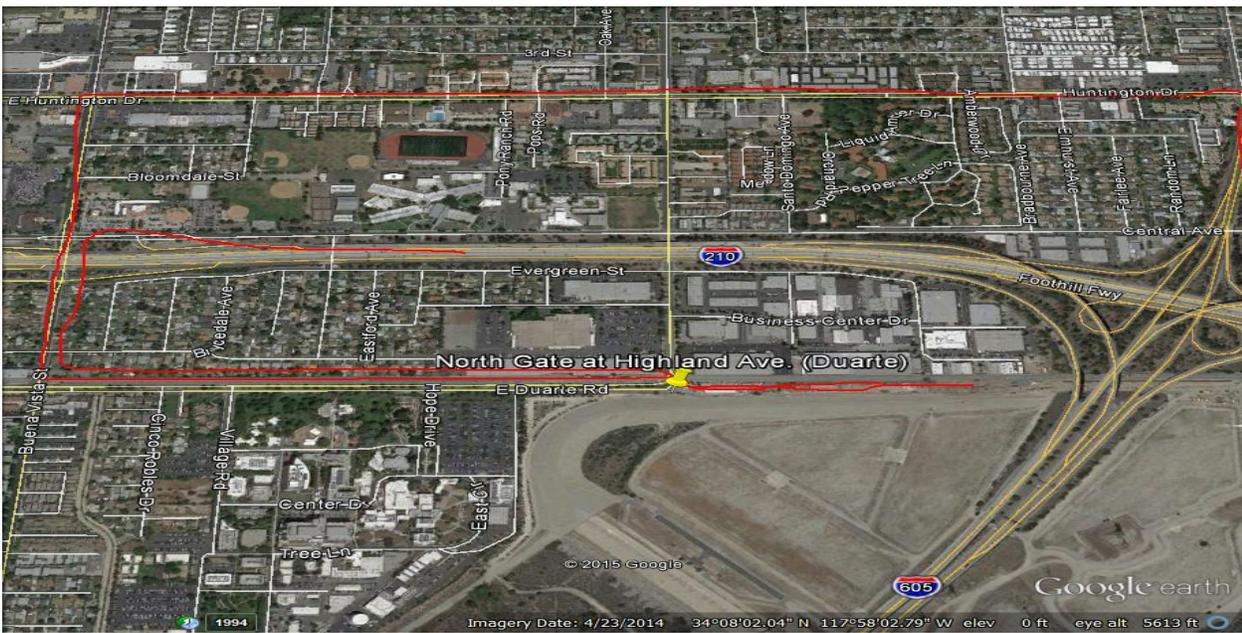


**ABOVE: Stockpile, Proposed Processing Site and North Gate entry/exit location at Highland Ave., Duarte CA**

**BELOW:** The Preferred Action Exit and Entry Haul Routes at the north Basin boundary would use *North Gate* (/Duarte) at Highland Ave. and take a specified City route between North Gate and the 210/605 Freeways for both empty and loaded trucks. Haul truck traffic would be limited to weekday hours of 5 am-5 pm, or as otherwise permitted by City of Duarte.



**Above:** 2 potential routes out of Basin from North Gate to 210 Fwy East, or 605 Fwy South.



**Above:** 2 Routes into Basin at North Gate from 210 Fwy at Buena Vista, or 605 Fwy at Huntington.

Proposed Exit Route: Leave site via North Gate at Highland Ave. North; to Huntington Drive then East on Huntington to Mt. Olive Dr.; South to 605 Freeway. **OR** same as above but West on Huntington **OR** Central; South on Buena Vista; East to 210 Fwy.

Proposed Entrance Route (returning trucks): 210 Freeway at Buena Vista St.; south to Duarte Rd.; east at Duarte Rd. to North Gate at Central, and into Basin on unsurfaced road to job site. **OR** 210 Freeway, exit Huntington; continue West

on Huntington to Buena Vista, South; to East on Duarte to North Gate entrance at Highland.