



# SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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**Public Notice No.: SPL-2014-CHB- 9- Music Festival, Whittier Narrows Recreation Area  
Comment Period: July 3-18, 2014  
Project Manager: Carvel Bass**

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## **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).

<b>Proposal Title</b>	<b>Music Festival at Whittier Narrows Basin</b>
<b>Proponent</b>	<b>County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation</b>
<b>Proposed Implementation Date</b>	<b>August 2-3, 2014 with additional set-up and take-down time</b>
<b>Proposed Federal Action</b>	<b>County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation would exercise its Recreation Outgrant from the US Army Corps of Engineers.</b>

This proposal is for a two-day Music Festival, in Areas A and B of the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area which is operated by Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. The Corps is reviewing this Special Event, which may draw 35 thousand participants each day, over the 2-day event. Admission to the public, age 18 and over only, will be \$85 per day or \$185 for both days' admission. Hours of operation for each day are 12 pm-11 pm daily. More information is available at <http://www.hardsummer.com/> and additional information, and websites related to the event will be available, once complete. A draft Environmental Assessment has been prepared for this event.

This would be a 2-day concert of electronic music provided both by DJs and live bands, at the Large Events areas of Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.

**Location** The event location is Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, Areas A and B,

which are dirt and turfed special event areas, north of the I-60 freeway. The concerts will be in Area A with parking in Area B. During the set-up and take-down periods, some recreation areas will be off-limits to avoid conflict and safety issues; those regular user groups have been notified. During evening hours, portions of Rosemead Boulevard immediately north and south of the I-60 Freeway will be closed, detouring local public traffic, to allow the many concert-goers adequate Freeway access and to avoid local users encountering traffic jams.

## **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 **July 3-18, 2014**. 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) by mail at 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Asset Management Division Ste. 11098, Los Angeles, CA, 90017, or by telephone at (213) 452-3392. For specific questions about the planned event, please contact Park staff at (626) 575-5526.

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.