



SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

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SUBJECT: The purpose of this Public Notice is to inform the general public that the District Commander of the Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“Corps”) has decided to accept and expend funds contributed by the State of California, Department of Transportation (“Caltrans”) under Section 214 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, for priority evaluation of their Department of the Army (DA) permit applications, subject to the limitations specified below.

BACKGROUND: On April 26, 2010, the Los Angeles District Commander determined that acceptance and expenditure of such funds would be in accordance with Section 214 of the *Water Resources Development Act of 2000* (WRDA 2000, Public Law No. 106-541).

A series of procedural safeguards has been developed to ensure that use of the funds will not impact impartial decision-making. These include:

- a. All final permit decisions for cases where these funds are used must be reviewed at least by one level above the decision maker, unless the decision maker is the District Commander. For example, if the decision maker is the California South Coast Branch Chief, then the reviewer would be the Regulatory Division Chief.
- b. All final permit decisions for cases where these funds are used will be made available on the Los Angeles District web page.
- c. The Corps will not eliminate any procedures or decisions that would otherwise be required for that type of project and permit application under consideration.
- d. The Corps will comply with all applicable laws and regulations.
- e. Funds will only be expended to provide priority review of the participating non-Federal entity’s permit application.

From January 8, 2010 through January 24, 2010, the Sacramento District circulated a Special Public Notice, on behalf of Sacramento, Los Angeles, and San Francisco Districts, announcing the preliminary intent to accept and expend funds. The Notice discussed the kinds of activities for which funds would be expended and solicited comments from the general public. No comments were received.

Information concerning WRDA, including documents referenced in this notice, may be found at: www.spk.usace.army.mil/organizations/cespl-co/regulatory/WRDA.html. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Regulatory Project Manager, Stephanie J. Hall at 213-452-3410 or email: stephanie.j.hall@usace.army.mil.

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