



NOTICE OF COMPLETION

DATE: November 2015
To: Responsible Agencies and Interested Parties
SUBJECT: Notice of Availability/Completion of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Bernardino (County) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which is being distributed for public review pursuant to the California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines). The County of San Bernardino is the Lead Agency for the proposed project.

Project Title: Lake Gregory Dam Rehabilitation Project, State Clearinghouse Number: 2013091057

Project Location: The proposed project is located at Lake Gregory in the community of Crestline, in the San Bernardino Mountains, approximately 14 miles north of the City of San Bernardino in the County of San Bernardino, California.

Project Description: The County proposes to construct an earthen stabilization buttress on the downstream (dry side) slope of the existing Lake Gregory Dam in order to rectify structural inadequacies in the dam, to mitigate safety concerns from damage to the dam and associated flooding that could result from a large earthquake in the area. Construction of the proposed project would require retrieval and hauling of stockpiled material and imported material from quarries in the San Bernardino valley; excavation and hauling of material from up to two borrow sites; a temporary bridge reinforcement over Houston Creek in privately owned Camp Switzerland; traffic controls along Lake Drive, including a temporary road detour; temporary or permanent relocation of utilities on Lake Drive; restoration of disturbed areas; and road repairs along the haul routes and affected portion of Lake Drive.

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in 2016 and take up to 12 months to complete, to account for inclement weather. Buttress construction would take up to 6 months to complete. Operation and maintenance of the proposed project would entail routine inspection and maintenance, similar to current operations at the dam.

Environmental Topics Evaluated: The Draft EIR examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the following environmental topics:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality & Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Paleontological Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use
- Noise
- Utilities
- Recreation and Fisheries
- Traffic and Transportation

In addition, the Draft EIR evaluates four alternatives:

- Cement Deep Soil Mixing – inject soil cement to form columns in a grid pattern on the downstream side of the dam to provide stiffness in the low-density zone.
- Stone Column Strengthening – construct stone columns in a series of three rows on the downstream side of the dam to provide stiffness in the low-density zone.
- Upstream Asphalt Facing – construct an asphalt slope to overlay the upstream side of the dam. Would require draining Lake Gregory during construction.
- No Project

PROJECT OPEN HOUSE: The Special Districts Department and Regional Parks Department will hold a drop-in Open House at the **Crestline Sanitation District, 24516 Lake Drive, Crestline**, on **Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**. You may stop by any time between 10:00 am and 11:30 am to obtain information about the project and the environmental review. The information will also be available at the website listed below.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND WRITTEN COMMENTS: The review period for submitting written comments on the EIR commences on November 10, 2015 and **will close on January 5, 2016**. If you have any questions regarding the Project or EIR, please contact Carrie Hyke, District Planner, by e-mail or phone as indicated below.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The EIR is available for review at the following locations: (1) the Crestline Branch Library, 24105 Lake Gregory Drive, and at (2) the Special Districts Office, 157 West Fifth Street, 2nd Floor, San Bernardino.

The EIR may also be accessed on the Special Districts Department's website at www.specialdistricts.org. Look under "Latest News" for the link.

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